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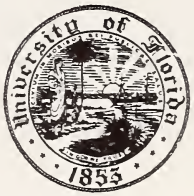

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Biography

GEORGE HENRY CHRISTOPHER was born on a farm in Bates County, near Butler, Mo., December 9, 1888; attended the public schools of Bates County, Mo.; was graduated from Hill's Business College, Sedalia, Mo., in 1907; lived on a farm in Calhoun County, Ill., and in Craig County, near Vinita, Okla.; owned and operated a 975-acre farm in Bates County, Mo.; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949–January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; assistant to the director, Agricultural Conservation Program, Department of Agriculture, from January 1951 to September 1952; elected to the Eighty-fourth, Eighty-fifth, and Eighty-sixth Congresses and served from January 3, 1955, until his death in Washington, D.C., January 23, 1959; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Butler, Mo.

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *January 26, 1959.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Isaiah 12: 2: *The Lord Jehovah is my strength, my song, and my salvation.*

Infinite and eternal God, as we continue to address ourselves to the responsibilities of this new day, may we be blessed with the spirit of wholehearted devotion.

Expand and enlarge our feelings of concern and considerateness for Thy needy children who are hungry and homeless and hopeless.

Daily may we gird ourselves with courage and confidence as we seek to build a world fellowship ruled by the ideals and principles of the lowly man of Galilee.

We thank Thee for the life and ministry of our colleague whom Thou hast called unto Thyself to dwell with Thee in eternal blessedness. Grant unto the members of his family the consolations of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 134) which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That a committee of ten Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Cannon, Mr. Karsten, Mr. Jones of Missouri, Mr. Carnahan, Mr. Bolling, Mr. Moulder, Mr. Curtis of Missouri, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Brown of Missouri.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 27, 1959, at 12 o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, *January 29, 1959.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a resolution as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 64

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until 12 o'clock meridian tomorrow.

Remarks by Representative Cannon

Of Missouri

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound regret, and a deep sense of personal loss, that I announce the unexpected and untimely death of our colleague, Congressman GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri.

He fell as falls the soldier in press of battle and with his face to the front.

He died as he would have preferred to die, with his harness on and driving hard, full speed ahead in behalf of those who sent him here, and for what he conceived to be the best interests of his people and his country.

He was one of the most lovable men I ever knew; and he was one of the most effective Members of the House and represented, to a degree seldom equaled by Members of the Congress, the wishes and interests of his neighbors and his constituents.

He was one of the few men, if not the only man, approved during his first term, to answer in the catch-as-catch-can debate on the floor attacks by the opposition on pending agricultural legislation. He understood the needs and problems of agriculture from firsthand experience and his short, terse interpolations discomfited many a speaker and exposed the fallacy of many carefully prepared speeches.

His career was a striking example of the freedom of opportunity and the limitless possibilities offered under our form of government. Starting as a young man without land or capital or influence, he amassed a competency including hundreds of acres of land, with every facility of stock and equipment. From this farm he went to the greatest parliament in the world.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."

There was no proposal or plan or program of credit or conservation or cooperation offered by the Department of Agriculture in his long and busy life in which he was not a participant. The soundness of his position on farm questions was that he spoke from firsthand knowledge and an intimate familiarity with every phase of farm production and management. Supplemented by unerring judgment and a wide knowledge of public affairs, he served his district and his State with remarkable efficiency.

When he announced his candidacy to succeed himself in the 86th Congress he was handicapped physically and politically to the extent that his opponents marked him for slaughter and even his friends despaired at times. But through sheer courage and endurance he fought through a spirited primary and election to win a decisive victory. He won on his record of service and the warm friendship of thousands whom he had befriended and benefited collectively and individually.

He started his business life with but one asset, the young wife he had just married. And through the years, until her loss at the close of his first term in Congress, she remained his principal asset.

They reared nine children—seven stalwart sons and two charming daughters. In talking with one of them I realized, without being told, what a wonderful father he had been. The Fourth District loses a constructive statesman. The State loses a great Missourian. But they have lost a father.

Our hearts go out to them.

Remarks by Representative Aspinall

Of Colorado

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, there are some men with whom we walk who bring challenge, inspiration, understanding, confidence, and pleasure to the association. Such a one was our late and beloved colleague, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. These attributes which have universal appeal he possessed and displayed until the day of his passing.

I was fortunate indeed to have known GEORGE CHRISTOPHER as a personal friend and as a colleague on the committee where I have served since coming to Congress. We came to Congress together with the convening of the 81st Congress. We have conferred together many, many times since the first week of January 1949. Always he brought to the association something of a constructive challenge, a pleasing personality which offered inspiration, an understanding which showed breadth of preparation and great knowledge of the task at hand. Such were his contributions to the task of seeking solutions to difficult problems that he lent confidence in the quest. He was an effective and accomplished protagonist. At the same time he was a respected and admired antagonist.

Above all things, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was endowed with a gentle and lovable personality. His love of his fellow man was expressed in the poetry which he chose to recite to his fellows. The good-natured twinkle in his eyes carried sympathy and love for all who desire to share with him, but more especially for the less fortunate of his fellow beings. To be with him was to find pleasure in his company and companionship. To have known him while he walked and worked among us was to have received an eternal blessing—coming as it were from one of God's own. We shall miss him sorely, but he too has rightfully earned his eternal rest.

Remarks by Representative Brown

Of Ohio

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret and great shock that I learned of the sudden death of Representative CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri, last Friday evening. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a great and a good Democrat. I hope that I am a good Republican. We often differed in our party positions and our political philosophies, and yet we were good and warm personal friends.

As evidence of the type of man that GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was, may I say that on Friday he called my office several times, while I was tied up in committee, and left word for me to call him. I called him back late on Friday afternoon just a few short hours before I received the news of his sudden passing. He had telephoned me to offer to me, and to the people of my district, and of the State of Ohio, his help and assistance in meeting the great flood tragedy which had struck us on Thursday, and concerning which I had spoken on the floor of the House. His kindly interest and action illustrates the life of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER better than anything I can say here about him. A big and generous man he crossed party lines; and thinking only of the welfare and needs of the people I represent, offered his assistance in committee, and on the floor of the House in any action which might be necessary to give relief to the thousands of homeless in the State of Ohio. This is the way he ended his life, making probably his last telephone call on Capitol Hill to help others before he left for home. His last effort was to be of service to the people of another district and another State.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay my tribute to his memory today, and express the hope that his family may have the help of divine providence in these dark hours of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Karsten

Of Missouri

Mr. KARSTEN. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to know and work with GEORGE CHRISTOPHER for many years. His untimely passing is a great personal loss to me.

I recall our first meeting over a decade ago. He introduced himself as a farmer from Butler County, Mo. His sincere friendliness was reflected by the merry twinkle in his eyes, which all of us remember so well. We talked for perhaps an hour or more, and from that day we became close personal friends.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a man of many talents. He had a deep love for nature and the soil and was one of the great leaders of our time in the field of soil conservation. He often said he practiced what he preached, and his beautiful farm in Missouri is a testament to the soundness of his theories. Being close to nature and the soil, he was a deeply religious man—a student of the Gospel and an expert in the Scriptures. His philosophy he drew from the Bible. It was simply, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He lived every day of his life by the Golden Rule.

His services to his State and the Nation were many and varied. With distinction he first served as a member of the Committee on Agriculture and later on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Perhaps one of his greatest contributions was his ability to help the Members of this House better understand each other's problems. He brought to the House the concept that the problems of the farmer are identical to the problems of the workers in the cities and that by working together we can better solve the problems of both.

Crippling illness forced him to a wheelchair a few years ago. But this did not lessen his activities nor slow down his work. Through the years thousands came to him with their problems. He never turned a single one away. In his home district his name is legend. He faithfully served the people he represented, and they will long remember him not only as an outstanding Congressman but as a personal friend.

To his wonderful family I express my deepest sympathy. We shall all miss GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. But we shall cherish his memory, knowing that our great House of Representatives is better for his having passed through here.

Remarks by Representative Boggs

Of Louisiana

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, may I join with our colleagues from Missouri in expressing the deepest sense of loss in the passing of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. As the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations has said, his life epitomized the opportunity which has come to Americans in America throughout its whole history.

I was particularly interested in what the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Karsten] had to say about Mr. CHRISTOPHER, because as he said, his philosophy was an inspiring one. He was always kind and considerate, but in addition to that he was always happy and joyous, which reflected an inner peace and an inner calm which so many of us have failed to achieve in life.

I remember even after his crippling illness, even after he had lost a leg and had to labor thus handicapped, he was always ready to smile, always quick with the lighter side, yet terribly concerned about the problems of people.

I, too, was interested in the fact that the gentleman from Missouri said his approach was not parochial. Despite the fact that he was born and reared on a farm, despite the fact that he had labored so long with his own hands and in the sweat of his own brow on the land, and despite the fact that he had acquired so much of the sun from the skies in his own life, he yet understood the problems of the cities and he was always in the forefront in fighting the battles against the slums as well as the battles for the welfare and happiness of those who live on the farm.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have lost a fine friend, a great legislator, and a fine American. May God bless him and keep him.

Remarks by Representative Carnahan

Of Missouri

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, my friend, neighbor, and my fellow Missourian, was one of the fine men Missouri has given to the Nation. Likened to Will Rogers in humor, storytelling, and love of his fellowmen, I will miss this man of great courage and mirth. I am heartened only in the knowledge that the courage of great men outlives them to become the heritage of our people. Such courage lives beyond them and upholds their purposes and helps to bring their hopes to pass.

It was not necessary for GEORGE CHRISTOPHER to suffer pain and handicap himself in order to have a sympathetic heart and understanding for those who are scourged by the ills of misfortune and affliction. These less fortunate groups were represented through the basic principles for which he so steadfastly stood.

I think tenderly of his heroic triumph over disability. He was unwilling to be inactive because in him there was an indomitable spirit, there was moral and intellectual strength which would not permit it.

Following his hospitalization he adopted a motto from Emerson which is indicative of his philosophy as he traveled life's road. It reads:

> The sun shines after every storm; there is a solution for every problem; and the soul's highest duty is to be of good cheer.

The cheer, kindness, and love which GEORGE CHRISTOPHER brought to his friends cannot be replaced.

His character, the richness of his intellect, and his unremitting service to his country will cause his name to be cherished and remembered.

Those who were his opposition, no less than those who were his intimate associates, have always recognized in him a rare crusader for the human race and for his ideals. His absence will be keenly felt by those for whom he so diligently worked—the farmer, the veteran, and the small businessman. His is a great loss to many and one that will not be easily replaced.

Thanks is given for the work and worth of this great man. I have known him and his family personally. I have worked with him, called upon him for valued advice and help in the fields in which he ably qualified, so for me his going is a great personal loss.

To his loving family in Missouri and to his devoted daughter and son-in-law—Moina and Ray Ratliff with whom he resided in Washington, I share your loss and extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues from Missouri, I was deeply shocked Saturday to learn that my good friend, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, had passed on. I was closely associated with GEORGE ever since he first came to the Congress in 1949. Several years ago we served together on the House Committee on Agriculture, and we shared common views on agricultural legislation. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a farmer who lived on the land and loved it. Few men of our day have devoted so much time to the conservation and to the building up of our most important physical inheritance.

I shall miss GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, and, I am sure, this House will miss him. He was one of our most colorful and eloquent Members. Though his rhetoric was homespun, it was always picturesque. He had that rare facility of expression which enabled him to speak graphically and to talk in pictures. More than that, he had a wonderful sense of humor. His keen wit was a ready weapon at all times. I have been with GEORGE in campaigns in his district. His people loved him. They came to hear his colorful stories. He was looked upon as the Will Rogers of the Western Ozarks.

Congressman CHRISTOPHER was a kind and generous person. He was warm and friendly. His life was a blessing to everyone with whom he came in contact. We have lost a great friend and a great legislator. I extend my deepest sympathy to his children.

Remarks by Representative Bolling

Of Missouri

Mr. BOLLING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues from Missouri and the other States in this moment of deep regret at the passing of our great and good friend GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

GEORGE and I represented adjoining districts. Consequently we were close on a personal basis, on a political basis, and on a legislative basis. I have visited GEORGE at his farm, that wonderful monument to one part of his life's work. I remember him taking me, the city boy, out and showing what he had done to this land that he loved so well; what he had done was obvious even to the most ignorant of city people. He had made the land fruitful, as it should be. What he desired for all people who live on farms was that they would have the opportunity and the ability to see to it that the good earth, given to us by God, would be used as God intended that it should be used.

GEORGE was a man of great good humor. Under most incredible difficulties and hardships GEORGE always had a smile. His determination during the series of very serious illnesses was something wonderful and inspiring to behold. He never lost his courage. He never lost his perspective. He never lost his sense of humor.

In the last primary GEORGE was opposed by forces so strong that very few thought he had a chance of political survival. Then he won—a great victory—a victory which he felt was his greatest political victory. But he held no malice toward those who had opposed him. He was as good humored and kindly in victory as I am sure he would have been in defeat.

We in Missouri and the country generally have lost a great and good friend. It is the country's loss. I think of GEORGE and will think of him always by the name applied to another great political warrior. "The Happy Warrior." He always was a happy, fighting man, who fought for his people; fought for the welfare of all the people. To his loved ones our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Rogers

Of Massachusetts

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I mourn, with other Members of the House, especially with his people of Missouri and his wonderful family, over the passing of our dear friend, Mr. CHRISTOPHER. I realize how much his fine children must have loved him. One of his fine sons told me of the family unity.

I talked with my colleague, the gentleman from Missouri Mr. CHRISTOPHER, just before we adjourned. I had the feeling then that he did not expect to return. Not that he would be defeated, but that the good Lord would not let him live so long as that.

I am so glad that he did not know defeat. Courageous, as all of those who have spoken have said, a great lover of his part of the country, yet tolerant for people in other parts of the country, people who lived in the cities. He might criticize them, but underneath he did not dislike them.

I had a chance in the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to know of his tremendous courage, both physical and spiritual. He never took the easy way. It was always the hard way. He fought for his convictions. He fought for those who needed help so terribly in the days gone by, and those who will need help in the days to come.

We will miss him especially on that committee for that reason. He did not need the loss of a limb in order to fight for the disabled with all the strength he had. I can see him now on the floor fighting for them and fighting for the great agricultural part of the country where he lived and for agriculture in general just as hard as he fought before his tragedy—the loss of a limb—overtook him. He took that tragedy with a smile, even joked about it; and yet I think

those of us who have seen people who have given so much for their country throughout the years realize what his suffering must have been.

I particularly shall miss him more than I can say because we need him so much in the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. A great warrior, I may say to the able and distinguished gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Cannon], a great credit to Missouri, a great credit to the United States, a fine Christian gentleman; he will be hard to replace.

Remarks by Representative Sullivan

Of Missouri

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the death of our able and beloved friend and colleague, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, who worked so hard for the people of America, and especially for the farmers of our country. My profound sympathy goes to his family in the loss of a wonderful father.

I believe all of us were struck and impressed by the unfailing good humor, the kindness, the friendliness of this fine man. Adversity never dimmed the warmth of his smile and the genuineness of the affection he held for his many friends.

When Congressman CHRISTOPHER took the floor of the House to discuss important issues of national policy, he enlivened his informative talks with a leavening of humor which reminded us all of Abraham Lincoln, in the ability to illustrate a serious point with an appropriate light touch.

The people of the Fourth District of Missouri have lost an outstanding public servant, a conscientious representative of their interests in the Congress of the United States. All of us in the House of Representatives have lost a friend—and an inspiring personality who believed our laws were intended and should be intended to make this a better country for every individual. It was in that spirit that he served in the House. It was in that spirit that he earned our friendship and admiration.

Remarks by Representative Morris

Of Oklahoma

Mr. MORRIS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was truly a great man. He had a keen and penetrating mind, a big heart, and, until ill health overtook him, a great physique. He was what we usually affectionately referred to as a real dirt farmer Member of this body. He had a profound knowledge of agricultural matters as they applied to the lawmaking phase, and an intimate, expert knowledge, gleaned over a period of years, of the actual operation of agricultural legislation, because he actually tilled the soil. When questions arose concerning bills involving agriculture and I needed advice, I always searched out my friend GEORGE CHRISTOPHER and consulted with him. I found his views to be sound and him to be possessed of unusually good information in regard to this particular subject matter.

It has been said, Mr. Speaker, that—

> The noblest men that live on earth
> Are those whose hands are brown with toil;
> Who, backed by no ancestral graves,
> Hew down the woods and till the soil;
> And win thereby a grander name
> Than follows kings, or warriors fame.

Our departed beloved colleague contributed greatly to the community in which he lived, to his great State, and to this Nation of ours through his long experience as a tiller of the soil and by reason of his outstanding service here in this House.

May I say in conclusion that, as others have said, he did not confine himself just to agricultural matters alone, but

had a deep sympathy and an understanding for all people who labor, as a matter of fact, for humanity generally.

We have lost a sage; we have lost a noble, courageous soul in the passing of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

To his loved ones I wish to say, may God comfort you in this, your sad hour.

Remarks by Representative Hull

Of Missouri

Mr. HULL. Mr. Speaker, today we mourn the passing of a kindly man.

The Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Representative of the Fourth District of Missouri, was one of the best loved and most respected Members of the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, we will remember GEORGE as an able and dedicated public servant. We will remember him as a champion of the American farmer, of the American war veteran, and of less fortunate members of American society. But transcending these memories, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER will always present himself to our recollections as a buoyant, cheerful man whose friendliness and good will never deserted him, even in his later days of physical discomfort.

As members of Missouri's congressional delegation, and as Representatives of adjoining districts, GEORGE and I worked closely together and we enjoyed a warm friendship.

I knew him as a man of great ability and of the highest attributes of Christian character. He never passed an opportunity to say a friendly word or extend a helping hand to new or old acquaintances, of high station or low.

He was a great family man and spoke often to his close friends of his fine family of seven sons and two daughters. GEORGE was immensely proud of them and we share with his children their profound sorrow.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a dirt farmer and proud of it. He fought all of his life for proper utilization and protection of our greatest natural resource, our land. He loved our land with the passion of all who have worked it with our hands.

His obituary notice in the Washington Post and Times Herald carried the headline, "Representative CHRISTOPHER, a Missouri Farmer." That is a proud epitaph; GEORGE would have liked it.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked and saddened when I heard of the untimely passing of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. I extend my sincere sympathy to my colleagues from Missouri in their great loss. I join all of my colleagues in paying tribute to his memory.

I was very fond of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. I cannot imagine anyone who did not like GEORGE. I never met him but what he had a friendly smile and a word of good cheer. No matter what his physical condition may have been, GEORGE was always of the same happy disposition. I was proud to have him as a friend.

I was delighted to see GEORGE looking so well when he returned for the new session of Congress. We had a very pleasant visit when the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee met for the first time. I greatly enjoyed serving on this committee with GEORGE in past years. He seemed to be in the best spirits in greeting his old friends on the committee.

During the last session I was worried over GEORGE in view of his operation and extended illness. When I saw him last week I came to the conclusion that he had recovered his strength and would resume his normal activities in this session of Congress.

The passing of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a great loss not only to his district and the State of Missouri but the entire Nation. He was an independent and fearless Member of this House. We had many friendly visits, and while he was a

member of the opposite political party, he was always cooperative and willing to help me on legislation in which I was interested. I shall always be grateful for his friendship and for the splendid support he gave me on many occasions.

I extend my deep personal sympathy to his family in the great loss they have sustained.

Remarks by Representative Brown

Of Missouri

Mr. BROWN of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, we in southwest Missouri are deeply grieved over the loss of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. For a time he represented many of us in this body. We knew him well, and we liked GEORGE. His passing is cause for genuine mourning.

His family has lost a father and a grandfather.

His neighbors have lost a good neighbor.

We, who were among his many friends, have lost a true friend; and let no one underestimate the Nation's loss.

We have lost a liberal portion of the Nation's commonsense, for GEORGE CHRISTOPHER had a liberal portion of commonsense. This uncomplicated man had a knack of simplifying the complicated. And he never forgot the folks.

The poor and the underprivileged have lost a portion of the public heart—GEORGE CHRISTOPHER's heart. And, it was big and it was warm.

Yesterday's soldiers have lost a portion of the public respect for yesterday's soldier. Today's soldiers have lost a portion of the public courage.

The plain people, the farmers and laborers, have lost a portion of the public respect for plain people—Farmer GEORGE CHRISTOPHER's respect: Genuine and outspoken.

Christian people have lost a portion of the public faith in religion—Bible-quoting GEORGE CHRISTOPHER's faith; absolute and unwavering.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was unschooled but educated. He learned from the world around him, and he wanted others to know that soils are enriched by lime and sweet clover. The world should learn from his life that nations and societies are enriched by GEORGE CHRISTOPHERS.

Remarks by Representative Marshall

Of Minnesota

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was one of the first men I met after we were elected to the 81st Congress. Our offices were on the same corridor. We shared so many common interests that we became very close friends. We often exchanged visits and just last week I had a pleasant and fruitful conversation with him in his office. He discussed with me his plans for this session of the Congress. Uppermost in his mind, of course, was the farm program, a subject in which he has always been vitally interested.

GEORGE was always a man of action and he was firmly convinced that the voters had given a mandate to this Congress for action on the farm front.

As a man of action, he also stood in the forefront of those men who fight for principle. There was nothing false about GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. He was a farmer and proud of it. He was a Democrat and proud of it. He was a Missourian and proud of it. He loved his country, its people, and its resources. He was proud of his family and of his farming operation. All of these things made him what he was—a great American.

The farmers of this country have lost a great champion in the continuing fight for equality. His district has lost a devoted servant and an able Representative. His State and country share in this great loss.

To his sons and daughters, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues from Missouri, and others, in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our departed colleague and friend, Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri. He was a fine gentleman, a genuine representative of his people, and a man of great courage both in his own personal life and in his devotion to the public interest. I suppose that GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was the only Member of this House who stood in the breadlines and worked on WPA work crews in the depths of the great depression. He advanced with the advancement of our Nation and contributed to that advancement through his service in the Congress. He always spoke for the things he believed in and was one of the great champions of the cause of the farmer and American agriculture. He was himself a dirt farmer and knew the point of view of the farmer from his own experience. He was a pioneer in agricultural conservation and his own farm was one of the best examples of the application of conservation practices to farming. We all recall his recent affliction and the courage with which he faced it and rose above his physical disability. Both in his private and public life GEORGE CHRISTOPHER will serve as an example that a man of courage, who faces his own and the public's problems boldly, can surmount great odds and serve his Nation ably and with distinction. It is with real sorrow that I join my colleagues in extending an expression of sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Curtis

Of Missouri

Mr. CURTIS of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join my distinguished colleague from Missouri and others in these eulogies to GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. I had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him over a number of years. He was a very sincere, friendly, hard-working, and cooperative person. It was a pleasure to have known him and worked with him. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER and people like him go to make up the representation of our people in this country. I believe Missouri has lost a very sincere and talented Member of Congress. I join in expressing my condolences to the fine family he has left.

Remarks by Representative Ullman

Of Oregon

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a great and wonderful man. Much has been said about his knowledge of agriculture and his contribution to the solution of our agricultural problems. His contributions were indeed great and his knowledge was of significant benefit to the Nation.

However, I should like to talk for a minute about another aspect of his character and another of his deep and abiding interests. It was my privilege, during the 85th Congress, to sit on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with GEORGE CHRISTOPHER and to watch him day after day devoting his time and his energy to the problem of the development of the great natural resources of this country. He believed that these resources should be fully developed and fully utilized for the greatest number of people. He was a great crusader for public power because he believed that public development was the best way to distribute the benefits from the Nation's resources. I want to pay tribute to a great crusader, a great fighter, a wonderful man, who contributed so much to his country. To his family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative George

Of Kansas

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was my friend. My district parallels his along the Kansas-Missouri line. In three campaigns he advised and counseled me. I probably would not be here today had it not been for his advice and his counsel. The farmer, the laboring man, the housewife, and the small businessman have all lost a true friend. I join my colleagues from Missouri in expressing my deep sympathy and that of all Kansas to his family, who have lost a wonderful father; and this Nation has lost a great American.

Remarks by Representative Brock

Of Nebraska

Mr. BROCK. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of our dear friend and colleague, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, has touched me deeply, and I join with my colleagues in paying respect to his memory. I emphasized the word "friend" because to me he was not only a newly found friend but a learned and valuable adviser in the problems of agriculture.

Like myself, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a dedicated farmer. He was born to the farm and stayed on the farm, as did his family before and after him.

He was an expert on soil conservation and one of the most informed men on farm policy.

As recently as last fall the farmers in my home area of Wakefield, Nebr., had the good fortune to hear him discuss farm problems. They were enlightened and expressed their sincere gratitude for his masterful understanding of this troublesome subject.

The Nation and its agricultural communities have suffered a distinct loss in his passing. His many friends of the Congress and myself have lost the benefit of his sage advice on the agricultural problems confronting the Nation.

I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his children in Butler, Mo., and to his daughter and son-in-law in Washington, D.C.

Remarks by Representative Whitener

Of North Carolina

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Speaker, the news on Friday night of the passing of the late Congressman GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri, came to me as a particularly hard personal blow. I have lost a close and cherished friend.

When I first arrived in Washington, it was my privilege to be assigned to the office which our late friend had vacated. But I was delighted to learn that he would be across the corridor from me. On each day during our service here, we had the most amiable contact—a contact which has given me an opportunity to know one of the truly great men of this House.

I think it was Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S great love for so many fine things that was the one characteristic which appealed to me so much. It has been well said that he loved the soil. He also loved the wonderful family which was his. In addition, I think that he loved the Members of this House. He loved his country. He had a great appreciation for the opportunity which had been given to him to serve the people of this country. But, I think behind all of that was his great love and appreciation of the Holy Evangel of Almighty God. Almost without exception whenever he came to my office at some point in the conversation he would mention some of the great truths that we find in the Holy Bible.

When I visited him while he was upon the sick bed in the Naval Hospital in Bethesda shortly after he had suffered from the serious surgical operation that had been performed upon him, I was delighted to see that his Christian faith and his Christian courage were shining through just as it had in better days. So it had been throughout my acquaintance with him.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

I shall miss Congressman CHRISTOPHER, but I will always remember with deep gratitude the many gifts of inspiration which he left for me and for those who were privileged to come in contact with him.

To his colleagues from Missouri, who today feel so keenly his passing, and to the wonderful family of which he was so proud and which he loved so much, I extend the most earnest and sincere condolences of my family in this hour of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Whitten

Of Mississippi

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, I join with other friends in expressing my deep sympathy to the family of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER at his untimely passing. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a man we shall miss, and one whose efforts are sorely needed in this hour. Somehow in the years I have served here it looks as if those who retire and those who pass on are those we can least afford to give up.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a great American, a sound American, a man of great capacity, and a man of much intellect. His judgment and his good sense was that type which is sound and which approaches that which we all would seek.

In his life he was a fine example of thoughtfulness for and service to others.

On Saturday I was in the hospital because of a minor ailment. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER had learned of that fact. Early Saturday morning I was grieved to read of his untimely passing. That same day about 12 o'clock I received the nicest kind of message from GEORGE CHRISTOPHER; a "get well; your friends are thinking of you" type of message. I was proud to receive it, and with that thoughtful action he was treating me as we all knew he would, for his heart was with his fellow man.

His confidences were with his God. His interests were in his fellow man; and his efforts for good government for the American people were unsurpassed.

I extend to his friends and his family my heartfelt sympathy in their loss, a real personal loss to me and all who knew him. We would do well to emulate his fine example.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, many outstanding Members have served in this body, but none with more sincerity, loyalty, and devotion to duty than our late beloved colleague, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

He was a great public official, truly representative of the heart and soul of America. Throughout his life he was a man of vision, looking forward, and a fighter in the cause of the sick, afflicted, exploited, underprivileged, the toiler on the soil, the worker in the factory and in the offices; a fighter for progress and enlightened democracy.

In this trying period of the world's history he saw clearly the sinister mind and intent and purposes of atheistic communism, and recognized and fought for a powerful national defense, and a strong and firm foreign policy.

As an individual he symbolized everything worth while and uplifting. He was an inspiration for others to follow.

Between us developed a strong friendship. I admired him very much. I valued greatly his friendship. I shall so much miss him.

The people of his district have lost in the Halls of Congress a truly great Representative. The memory of this great man who took his work seriously, but not himself seriously, will long remain in their hearts and minds, as it will with his friends everywhere.

To the members of the Missouri delegation, to the people of his congressional district, and particularly to his sons and daughters I extend my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Weaver

Of Nebraska

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound sorrow that I learned of the death of my good friend and colleague from Missouri, the Honorable GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. His untimely passing has taken from our midst a man of ability, a man of high principle and fine moral character, and a fighter.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of serving with Mr. CHRISTOPHER on two committees. Although I often disagreed with the gentleman from Missouri on matters of policy and philosophy, I could never disagree with the way he presented his views, nor could I help but admire his fighting spirit and the strength of his convictions.

I would like at this time to express the sorrow of both Mrs. Weaver and myself at his passing, and extend our condolences to his family.

Remarks by Representative Trimble

Of Arkansas

Mr. TRIMBLE. Mr. Speaker, a mighty oak fell when our colleague, Mr. CHRISTOPHER, died. He fought for his constituents and his country. He asked no quarter and gave none in that struggle. Indeed he was one of God's noblemen. I will miss him so much. My deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Remarks by Representative Haley

Of Florida

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, we rightfully pause to pay warm tribute to a departed colleague, GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, able Congressman from the Fourth District of Missouri. The people of Missouri and the Members of Congress are stunned by the passing of this great and humble man who was a devoted public servant and a good friend of mankind.

It was my pleasure and privilege to have been associated with GEORGE CHRISTOPHER in both the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee. Those of us who remain to carry on the work will certainly miss his warm sense of humor, his strong personality, his wise counsel, his keen analytical mind and his devotion to duty, but we will continue to be guided by the splendid example set for us by GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. Indeed the world is a better place in which to live because GEORGE CHRISTOPHER has lived and worked among us. It has been said that every great example takes hold of us and says with the authority of a miracle, "If ye had but faith, ye also could do the same things." Whenever we are faced with problems in the future, we shall certainly think of the life and example of our departed colleague, and say, "Follow the lead of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER and you will achieve good works for the good of man."

To his family and his wide circle of friends, I express my heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Hechler

Of West Virginia

Mr. HECHLER. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of West Virginia, I rise to pay tribute to the late GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, who has so ably represented the Fourth Congressional District of Missouri.

I first met Mr. CHRISTOPHER not long after he arrived in the House of Representatives with the famous class of 1948 which brought so many able Members here for the first time, including two of Mr. CHRISTOPHER'S Missouri colleagues, Messrs. Bolling and Moulder. We talked about many things on this first meeting, and the lasting impression which I received was that here was a man who in the truest sense of the word was "down to earth."

He had a deep sympathy for the farmer, the worker, and the small businessman. I do not think I knew a man who had less social pretense than GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. A true son of the soil, he spoke his mind honestly, directly, and always with the deepest sympathy for the less privileged people.

It was fitting that GEORGE CHRISTOPHER should be President Truman's own Congressman, for Mr. CHRISTOPHER shared President Truman's passionate devotion to the cause of those who deserved a better break in the economic struggle to make a living.

During the New Deal days my uncle, W. Roy Hechler, administered the U.S. crop insurance program in Missouri and was also president of the Missouri Seed Corn Growers Association. In these capacities my uncle used to visit GEORGE CHRISTOPHER at his farm. I heard something of their conversations from both sides, and I got to like the way this Missouri farmer developed his simple philosophy of life.

We could use more men with GEORGE CHRISTOPHER'S philosophy.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the death of GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER marks the passing of a great American, a forceful and sincere legislator and a firm and loyal friend. He personified the attributes of the positive thinking of all Missourians; show me if the facts are there.

His love for the farmer, and his intense interest in the study of farm problems were only equaled by his unswerving loyalty for their welfare. As Congressman of the Fourth District of Missouri, encircling Independence, Mo., he was ever in the forefront advising, sponsoring, and defending the progressive and healthy legislative farm program of his loyal and intimate constituent—the colorful, fiery, forthright, positive, practical thinking, popular, former Democratic President of the United States, Harry S. Truman.

His marked resemblance both in mental attitude and fiery delivery to Mr. Truman was not a coincidence, but a natural circumstance as a result of their sincere down-to-earth philosophy.

He was well informed on many questions in public affairs. His spicy orations and courageous fortitude won him many friends. Always in pain and suffering, he still smiled and carried on.

The great loss of his dear wife several years ago did not embitter him—he loved people. It was an honor for any one of us to serve him in pleasant niceties at times.

He was a brave and lovable character. His seven sons and two daughters idolized him. He was a worthy public servant and sacrified for others throughout his life.

The good Lord knew of his physical sufferings and yet by force of will he persevered to serve his fellow man. His

blessed life spent in toil for his fellow man was God's reward to unite him with his dearly beloved mate. The distinguished Missourians in the Congress have lost a true leader who as an honest fighter, the Congress admired and revered. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family. Yes—Missouri and the Nation have lost an American eagle.

Remarks by Delegate Burns

Of Hawaii

Mr. BURNS of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, it is with a real sense of personal loss that I join the Members of this House in paying tribute to the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of the Fourth District of Missouri. Though I knew him but a short time, I counted GEORGE CHRISTOPHER among my true proven friends.

We often refer to someone as being the salt of the earth. This description truly fitted Congressman GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. The originator of the term must have had in mind a person exactly resembling Representative CHRISTOPHER.

Ever ready with a story to lighten the burdens borne by his colleagues, ever ready to lend a helping hand, not waiting to be asked but offering his services, energetic in the cause of his constituents, knowledgeable as to humans, diligent in his duties as a Member of Congress both in committee and at meetings of the House of Representatives, the Honorable GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was outstanding in his service of right and justice as God gave him the light to see it, serving with charity, courage, intelligence, and strength.

To his family, I extend my deepest sympathy and understanding. The inspiration of Congressman GEORGE CHRISTOPHER will remain with me and will continue to encourage all who knew him.

Remarks by Representative Metcalf

Of Montana

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, the sincere and moving tributes that have been paid to GEORGE CHRISTOPHER by so many of his colleagues here today is a better measure of the affection and esteem in which he was held than anything I can say. I do want to add my voice to those who have praised him, however, because I have suffered a great personal loss. We were both members of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and sat next to each other in the committee room. For years, I have enjoyed his companionship, have benefited from his wisdom, and profited from his experience.

I shall miss his kindliness and his keen, humorous comments. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a dedicated patriot and a man of character and principle.

In extending my sympathy to his family and friends, I share a part of their loss.

Remarks by Representative Gross

Of Iowa

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the death of my friend and colleague, the Honorable GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

No Member of Congress was more steadfast in his devotion to agriculture and the farmer. He will be especially missed in the struggle that lies ahead to enact effective, permanent farm legislation.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a good man and the members of his family, to whom I offer condolences in this hour of sorrow, can take consolation in the fact that he will not soon be forgotten.

Remarks by Representative Roosevelt

Of California

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, the heartfelt warmth of those who have spoken in tribute to our friend and late colleague, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, will I hope, bring some comfort to his family in their sorrow.

There were two things for which I shall always remember GEORGE: First, his great and solid belief in fighting for the welfare of the everyday citizen. He never minced any words. He always was concise and clear spoken. He was sharp, but never mean.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, his spiritual and physical courage were an inspiration and a lesson to those who have lesser burdens to bear. I know no way of paying him a greater tribute than just saying that he was a wonderful human being.

I shall miss him. We shall all miss him, and we should pray that we shall have the strength to carry on our duties with some of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER'S resolute and undying spirit.

Remarks by Representative Teague

Of Texas

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 2 days before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee was scheduled to meet to organize for the 86th Congress our colleague and friend, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, expired.

I speak for the membership of my committee in expressing our deepest sympathy to GEORGE CHRISTOPHER'S friends and family. Their loss is great. We will miss him on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He brought to the committee a strong feeling of compassion for the human side of our work. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was motivated in his committee work by concern for the individual. He had great sympathy for the problems of those whom we seek to help with veterans' legislation. He has been an active force in many of the most important pieces of legislation coming from the committee in recent years designed to aid disabled veterans and their widows and children.

The veterans in this Nation have lost a real friend in the passing of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it was with a great deal of sadness that I learned on Saturday last of the passing of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, who first became a Member of the House of Representatives in 1949.

It was a great pleasure to have known GEORGE CHRISTOPHER over these years. He was a fine gentleman of sparkling wit and a great asset to his party and his country. He was a faithful and capable Representative of the people of his congressional district and of the State of Missouri. His sons and daughters have my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Moulder

Of Missouri

Mr. MOULDER. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and unexpected passing of our colleague and fellow Missourian is distressing to everyone who knew GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. His ever lovable, friendly, and sunny personality made him one of the most popular Members of Congress. He was blessed with a host of friends and his genuine friendship will forever remain in our memories of him as a great man. He was one of our most illustrious Americans. Many people may never realize nor appreciate the full force of the impact that this vision-endowed farmer-statesman has made on the future of our Nation.

On the wall in this Chamber of the House of Representatives, we can see the words of Daniel Webster:

> Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers; build up its institutions, and promote its great interests and see whether we also in our day and generation can promote something worthy to be remembered.

This we know GEORGE CHRISTOPHER has done. His words and advice spoken in debates on the floor of this House were highly respected and will long be remembered.

The magnificent life of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was controlled by the basic philosophies which made him a great man. His was not a complicated nor high-sounding philosophy. He believed in the fundamentals of love and devotion to family, church, State, and country.

He was truly a fine man, an orator, an able scholar, and statesman. GEORGE was truly the salt of the earth. I join with all Members of Congress in extending to his sons and daughters our sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of personal loss that I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER. We came to the 81st Congress together as freshmen in 1949. He then was 61 with behind him the background of a life, most of which had been spent as a farmer in his native county of Bates in Missouri. He was robust, virile, and dynamic. He spoke frequently from the well of the House in the 81st Congress and on numerous occasions, although he was then a first termer, his manner of presentment, his hitting accurately on the target, and his pungent humor invariably brought down the House and called forth applause in unusual measure. He was not a Member of the 82d and 83d Congresses, but returned to us in the 84th Congress. For me, it was a gladsome reunion, for the rugged honesty and the outspokenness of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER had always endeared him to me. Because of the condition of his health he did not speak as often in the 84th and 85th Congresses as he did in the 81st Congress, but, when he did speak, every Member listened and always he won votes for the cause he was championing.

The last time I remember hearing GEORGE talk was after the amputation of his leg. He was wheeled in on a stretcher, adjusted himself to the microphone, and then, speaking under the disadvantage of his position, made a talk as full of dynamite and as pungent as any I have heard in this House.

He will be greatly missed. In his passing, the Congress of the United States has suffered the loss of one of its Members that it could least afford to lose. My deep sympathy goes to his children, to all of the members of his family, to the district of former President Harry Truman that he so well represented, to the great State of Missouri, and to the Nation of us all.

Remarks by Representative Elliott

Of Alabama

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I feel a deep sense of sorrow at the passing of our colleague, Representative GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a very special friend of mine. We came to Congress together, having both been elected for the first time in November of 1948. We thus had the special ties of fellow Members of the freshman class.

A few years ago I had the opportunity of inviting GEORGE CHRISTOPHER to speak before the Men's Club of the Francis Asbury Methodist Church, the church which I attend here in Washington. True to my expectation, he delivered a fine inspirational speech that revealed his depth of character and his understanding of man's spiritual life.

I appreciated the opportunity of serving in Congress with GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. I profited from my association with him. He was a man of the soil, and was proud of it. He loved the soil. He was close to nature and to nature's God.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a family man. He frequently spoke to me about his wife, and about his children, and about his farm.

A time like this brings fresh meaning to the words of the poet, John Donne, who said: "Any man's death diminishes me." Certainly that is true when the man is your friend, as GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was my friend. In his passing I suffer a deep personal loss.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER loved his fellow man as few men do. In him the farmer, the laborer, the small businessman, the school child had a firm friend.

The Nation will miss him, and generations yet unborn will profit from his service here.

Remarks by Representative Pfost

Of Idaho

Mrs. PFOST. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to a great and good man, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. His State of Missouri and the Nation have lost an able legislator and dedicated public servant. We who served with him here in the House, and especially those of us who were privileged to serve with him in committee, have lost a trusted friend.

There is one attribute which GEORGE CHRISTOPHER surely possessed above all others; that was his devotion to his principles and his dedication to duty as he saw it. There has never been a greater champion in this House of the rights of the small farmer. A farmer himself, he took part in the debates here with all the dignity and strength so often associated with men who live and work close to nature and with God. In his quiet, unassuming way, he lent wisdom and direction to our many discourses in the House. I remember, many times, when tensions were building up, as they often do in the heat of debate, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was able to reach out for the inspired word, the soft wit that would relax Members and permit us to proceed with our deliberations in a calmer atmosphere.

In the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs I looked upon GEORGE CHRISTOPHER as one of my strong arms ever ready to help, always available to be called upon for counsel and for facts to bolster the position which he believed to be right.

Yes; we shall miss GEORGE CHRISTOPHER in the House and he will be missed by the people of his district whom he so ably represented, but we and they will be better because he was here.

Remarks by Representative Lane

Of Massachusetts

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER came from a town that is close to the center of our Nation. It is not far from the spot where the trails fanned out, over which the pioneers ventured to open up the West.

He loved the land and he cared for it tenderly, and he was proud of the fulfillment that came at harvest time. And the rhythm of the seasons brought the harmony of nature's art and poetry and music to his heart.

GEORGE was a Missouri farmer, and a good one.

He was blessed with the native wisdom, and wit, and the independent spirit that is so true to the American character.

Quiet, but plain spoken, he had the faculty of stripping away all sham and artifice to get at the root of an issue.

As I am a city Democrat, representing an industrial district, I liked to talk with GEORGE, and learn the viewpoint of the agricultural Midwest, which is the "seedbed" of so much that is individual and self-reliant in our country's personality.

He was conscientious in representing his constituents, and in going beyond that to serve the Nation's interests. Since coming to Washington as a Member of the 81st Congress, he had served on the House Administration Committee, the Committee on Agriculture, the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

When Congress adjourned he went back home to the farm of 975 acres where he and the late Mrs. Christopher lived so many happy and work-filled years building the homestead that made its wholesome contributions to the progress of the Nation.

There he replenished himself in the company of friends and neighbors who, beholden only to themselves and to God, looked themselves straight in the eye, and then made up their minds as freemen.

When GEORGE returned to Washington he spoke for them, and we, his colleagues were the beneficiaries of his practical knowledge and his homespun counsel.

Missouri has lost a distinguished son who served his people and his Nation well.

We, his fellow legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives, mourn his passing.

To his sons and daughters we send our sincere sympathy.

We pray that the memories of his kindness to them, and his devotion to our Nation, will comfort them in their bereavement, and inspire them throughout the years ahead.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, all of us were saddened by the passing of that great patriot, GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER. Knowing him was one of the pleasant associations in the Congress. He was a great friend of the veterans, the farmers, and the American who earns his livelihood by honest toil.

Those of us on the Veterans Committee loved and admired GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. We could count on him to do the right thing for our country and those who served our Nation in time of war. As a younger Member, I profited much by the experience, the advice and understanding of Mr. CHRISTOPHER. He understood our agricultural problems as few other contemporary Americans. A successful farmer himself, he devoted a great deal of his time and energy to improving the lot of the farmers.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER raised a fine, upright family. Mrs. Dorn joins me in my deepest sympathy to them. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER will be greatly missed by those of us who knew and loved him. His great service to our country will always be, to me, an admiring reminiscence.

Proceedings
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TUESDAY, *January 27, 1959.*

Mr. HENNINGS. Mr. President, there is on the desk a resolution which has come from the House relating to the death of our late beloved and respected colleague, Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of the State of Missouri. I ask that the Chair lay the message from the House before the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The resolution (H. Res. 134) was read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.,

January 26, 1959.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That a committee of ten Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. HENNINGS. Mr. President, I submit a resolution on behalf of my junior colleague from Missouri [Mr. Symington] and myself, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 64) as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate at the conclusion of its business today adjourn until 12 o'clock meridian tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the senior Senator from Missouri [Mr. Hennings] and the junior Senator from Missouri [Mr. Symington] as the committee of two Senators provided for in the second resolving clause.

Mr. CLARK. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, I move that the Senate stand adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 3 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the order previously entered, until Wednesday, January 28, 1959, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator Hennings

Of Missouri

Mr. HENNINGS. Mr. President, the State of Missouri has lost a great man, a man born of Missouri soil, a man who drew his living from Missouri soil, a man who represented in the House of Representatives of the United States those friends and neighbors of his who also lived by the soil.

I refer, Mr. President, to the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Representative in Congress from Missouri's Fourth District. Representative CHRISTOPHER passed away last Saturday. His death is a loss to the State of Missouri—a loss to the United States of America.

Representative CHRISTOPHER was born near the small Bates County town of Butler, Mo. Except for a few years of his life, he made his home on a Bates County farm. At the time of his death he still operated a 975-acre farm in Bates County. He was, in short, a farmer, and he had the interest of all farmers, everywhere, in his heart.

He served in the 81st, 84th, 85th, and 86th Congresses as a member of the House Administration Committee and the Committee on Agriculture. He served in the executive branch of the Government as Assistant Director of the agricultural conservation program. His service in these tasks was peerless.

Representative CHRISTOPHER, however, leaves a legacy to Missouri. He leaves seven fine sons and two fine daughters. Their loss is shared by his many friends both at home and here in the Nation's Capital.

Remarks by Senator Symington

Of Missouri

Mr. SYMINGTON. Mr. President, it is with a deep sense of personal loss and sadness that I rise to pay tribute to GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, my distinguished colleague from Missouri, and Representative from the Fourth District in Missouri.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER served the people of his district and his State well. His first interest was agriculture. He was a firm believer in the family-sized farm as the backbone of our rural economy.

No one was better qualified to speak on agricultural affairs than GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. He was born on a farm near Butler, Mo., and except for a short time in his early years, spent all of his life farming in Bates County.

He knew his people well and he served them well.

As a Member of the 81st, 84th, 85th, and 86th Congresses, his was a respected and authoritative voice in the House of Representatives.

He had truly earned the tributes paid him when he was recognized as one of our truly great farmer-statesmen.

Along with respect for his knowledge and experience, all who knew him shared in admiration of his personal courage.

It was not only the courage to fight for what he believed in, but also the courage to serve his people in the face of a physical handicap that would have put lesser men on the sidelines.

A year ago GEORGE CHRISTOPHER underwent an operation for the removal of a leg. Nevertheless, he remained an active Member of Congress, and last summer and fall waged a strenuous campaign for renomination and reelection.

No finer tribute to his courage and dedication could have been given than the overwhelming vote which he received last November—the greatest victory of his career.

Yes, Missouri and the country have lost a dedicated and courageous public servant.

And all of us in the Missouri delegation have lost a personal friend and a distinguished colleague.

His service to his district and to his country will be long remembered.

Memorial Tributes
to
George H. Christopher

Memorial Tributes

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, my tribute to Mr. CHRISTOPHER is contained in a telegram which I herewith ask to be my remarks:

JANUARY 26, 1959.

The FAMILY OF HON. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

In the loss of your fine and distinguished relative, you have my deepest and sincerest sympathy. He really served well and faithfully his day and generation.

Sincerely,

SAM RAYBURN.

Mr. BOLLING. Mr. Speaker, the following fine editorial on our late colleague, the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of Missouri, appeared in the January 30, 1959, edition of the Kansas City Daily News-Press:

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER: HE SERVED THE PEOPLE

It's hard to believe that Congressman GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER is gone. The leathery visaged Shakespeare quoting man of the soil served well the people he knew best—the farmer and the workingman who comprised the majority of his constituents.

Because farming is often a complicated business in this day and age, Congressman CHRISTOPHER could also grasp the problems arising for the businessman, especially the small businessman.

As a Democrat he always found the time to lend his services and presence to any party group or gathering, no matter how large or how small. It was this common touch, this willingness to serve all the people and the party he represented, that endeared him to so many, and paved the way to victory for him when the chips were down.

Always a fighter, he overcame the handicap of an amputated leg to make a strong and successful bid for reelection.

In a way it was fitting that his life should end after passing the biblical mark of three score and ten, for he was a God-fearing man and knew the Good Book and lived by its principles.

For GEORGE CHRISTOPHER the end came in the Capital City of the Nation he loved.

His body is now interred where his heart forever was—in Bates County, among the people he loved.

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, Kansas was selected as the site of the home of the proposed Agricultural Hall of Fame.

It is truly fitting that this hall of fame should be located in Kansas, which is the geographical center of the contiguous land area of our Nation.

It is also fitting that the site selected is near Kansas City, which is the center of the great agricultural Midwest. Kansas City is truly the crossroad of our Nation—east and west, north and south. It is the home of the American Royal; it is the annual convention meeting place of thousands of Future Farmers of America. The location of the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Kansas City further closely associates agriculture and its allied interests with this great metropolitan center.

Many organizations and people in Kansas City worked diligently to secure the hall of fame for this area. After numerous proposed locations in both Missouri and Kansas were eliminated, Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kans., jointly sponsored the new location. Farm leaders, industrial leaders, and civic leaders of both Missouri and Kansas were united in support of this location.

One man I believe can be singled out for his untiring and unselfish interest in securing the location of the Agricultural Hall of Fame in Kansas and Kansas City, Kans., and that is Harry Darby, a former Member of this body.

The Kansas site is a tract of 365 acres of land, about 11 miles west and about 15 miles from the downtown area of Kansas City, Mo. It is near Bonner Springs interchange on

Highway No. 70 which is a part of the Kansas Turnpike and on one of the main highways of the Interstate System.

Plans have already been completed for the construction of a $5 million building program at the site selected.

At a meeting of the executive committee on January 30, 1959, some definite plans for the general layout of the structure were agreed upon. These plans fit well into the vision of Mr. Howard Cowden, who has spent much time in the promotion of the Agricultural Hall of Fame, when he stated at an earlier meeting of the board:

> I hope that we can start planning in such a way that this country will some day have an appropriate shrine or memorial honoring those who have given America an agricultural industry that is the envy of the rest of the world.

He urged that the project be approached in the spirit of a motto which reads: "Make no little plans; they have not the power to stir men's souls."

The following units were recommended for inclusion in the Hall of Fame at the executive meeting:

An agricultural museum, a room where individuals who have contributed much to agriculture will be honored—including a shrine for farmers who have served in Congress; a children's unit designed to acquaint them with agriculture; a unit for young people and adults designed to show by exhibits the progress, achievements, and problems in agriculture; an historical library which will feature accomplishments of men honored; an old farm village, including a log cabin, sod hut, abode house, and appropriate other buildings; an Indian village which will show agricultural practices and crops which we obtained from the Indians.

There will also be an outdoor amphitheater for use in telling in pageant form the history of agriculture, and for use on field days and for other special events; a small auditorium to be used for the presentation of a movie on agriculture; demonstrations on soil and water management, timber and wildlife conservation which are appropriate to

the site and area; a room where donors to the Hall of Fame will be honored, and an international shrine.

At the same meeting of the board of governors, special mention was made of the death of Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Congressman from the Fourth District of Missouri, and I ask unanimous consent that the statement be made a part of these remarks.

The Agriculture Hall of Fame Association was saddened by the news of the unexpected death of Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Congressman from the Fourth Missouri District, in Washington Saturday, January 24. Last year Representative CHRISTOPHER introduced the resolution in the House of Representatives favoring the establishment of a hall of fame for agriculture and when it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, the committee recommended the resolution be specifically directed to this organization. The committee's statement said: "The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage efforts which are being made by private citizens to establish a hall of fame for agriculture. Some of the most distinguished agricultural leaders of the country have been enlisted in the effort to establish an agricultural hall of fame to commemorate and keep alive the great contributions which agriculture has made to the greatness and prosperity of the United States."

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, House Concurrent Resolution 295, relating to the late Representative CHRISTOPHER, was approved by the Senate on March 10, 1958.

The concurrent resolution was a duplicate of the Senate Concurrent Resolution which I submitted on March 10, 1958, with 30 additional cosponsors, and I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and the names of the sponsors be printed as a part of these remarks.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) favoring the establishment of a hall of fame for agriculture, submitted by Mr. Carlson (for himself and Senators Case of South Dakota, Schoeppel, Murray, Hoblitzell, Yarborough, Revercomb, Chavez, Thye, Neuberger, Scott, Allott, Capehart, Barrett, Thurmond, Bennett, Aiken, Watkins, Proxmire, Humphrey, Hruska, Payne, Mundt, Sparkman, Hill, Ives, Martin of Pennsylvania, Johnston of South

Carolina, Flanders, Symington, Cooper, and Magnuson) was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, as follows:

"Whereas many of our bravest men and most valiant soldiers were of an agricultural background;

"Whereas the Founding Fathers of this Republic and many of its most eminent leaders were farmers;

"Whereas agriculture has played a dominant role in the rise of our country to greatness;

"Whereas there now exist halls of fame recognizing the glorious past for the baseball player, the cowboy, and others;

"Whereas the ox yoke, the bull-tongue plow, the hand-forged iron kettle, and the sod house represent the evolution of agricultural technology in this country and the difficulties which a determined people faced and successfully overcame in improving their way of life; and

"Whereas our American heritage should be preserved and tribute should be paid to the great men and women who over the years have helped to make American agriculture the most productive in the world: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that there be established and maintained, as a memorial to the important role played by agriculture in the development of our Nation, a Hall of Fame for Agriculture, wherein there will be collected and preserved for posterity relics, artifacts, and other evidence and data relating to agriculture and the great contributions it has made and continues to make in the rise to greatness of our country; and the Congress does hereby commend, encourage, and sanction the efforts of any organization which undertakes to establish such a hall of fame."

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I include resolutions adopted by the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives upon learning of the death of our distinguished colleague, Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, and also include extraneous material:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE MISSOURI SENATE, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON LEARNING OF THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44

Whereas the house has learned with deep regret of the death on January 23, 1959, of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Rep-

resentative from Missouri's Fourth Congressional District of Butler; and

Whereas Congressman CHRISTOPHER, having been identified with many governmental, agricultural, and civic activities, and was well known and loved throughout Missouri and the Nation; and

Whereas throughout many years of public service Congressman CHRISTOPHER became acquainted with and a friend of the people throughout the State; and

Whereas Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S sincerity of purpose and true devotion to the cause of better government and the welfare of his fellow citizens endeared him to all with whom he became associated: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the house of the 79th general assembly express their sincere regret at the passing of this fine citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That the speaker of the house be instructed to appoint a delegation to represent the house in attendance at the funeral services to be held Wednesday, January 28, 1959, at 2 p.m. in the city of Butler, Mo.; and be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to each of Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S children; Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Butler, Mo.; George D. Christopher, Amoret, Mo.; Homer W. Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Wallace A. Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Stanley Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Robert Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Monty Joe Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Moreland Christopher, Passaic, Mo.; and Mrs. Moina E. Ratliff, 1912 R Street SE., Washington, D.C.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

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Whereas Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S sincerity of purpose and true devotion to the cause of better government and the welfare of his fellow citizens endeared him to all with whom he became associated: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the senate of the 70th general assembly express their sincere regret at the passing of this fine citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of the senate be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to each of Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S children: Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Butler, Mo.; George D. Christopher, Amoret, Mo.; Homer W. Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Wallace A. Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Stanley Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Monty Joe Christopher, Butler, Mo.; Moreland Christopher, Passaic, Mo.; and Mrs. Moina E. Ratliff, 1912 R Street SE., Washington, D.C.

(Offered by Senator Journey.)

[From the Bates County (Mo.) Shopper, Feb. 5, 1959]

IN MEMORY, RESPECT AND ESTEEM

(By E. H. Hardinger)

Bates County, our State of Missouri, and the Nation has suffered a distinct loss in the passing of the late Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER.

He was truly a friend of the people who tilled the soil and all who so depend on it directly or indirectly for a living. His talents which he so willingly shared and his ability which he so ably performed, places him among the great. Every family in this entire Midwest, country, town or city has lost a capable sincere friend. Although another Congressman will be elected to perform the duties of Fourth Congressional District, no man can take the place of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

Like other great men before him, now that he is gone, his true greatness and importance will indeed be realized and missed. His entire life leaves a great challenge to us all, especially our youth. It can truly be said with God's help he was a self-made and self-educated man. Born of the most lowly, step by step, ever keeping his goal in mind, overcoming all obstacles to reach great heights. One important characteristic which GEORGE seemed to always display was good commonsense. This is indeed important. Sometimes the passing of a loved one in early life or an important public servant taken at the height of their career seems hardly fair, however, these are things for us not to question and to strengthen our faith. I deem it a great privilege and a great honor to have been a good friend of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER all my life.

[From Roll Call, Jan. 28, 1959]

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

The character of Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri Democrat, was clearly revealed several hours before he died of a heart attack Friday night. He phoned a Republican Congressman to offer his help on any action needed to help flood-stricken sections of Ohio.

Representative CHRISTOPHER's desire for service crossed party lines not only in this instance, but throughout his distinguished career in the Congress.

Courageous, good-natured even after undergoing a leg amputation, able and kind, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER will be missed by all who had the good fortune to cross his path.

[From the Nevada (Mo.) Daily Mail, Jan. 26, 1959]

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

The American farmers, particularly the farmers of Missouri, lost a good friend and a champion of their cause Friday night when Congressman GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, of Amoret, was called to his rewards by his Maker.

Congressman CHRISTOPHER, a battling Democratic lawmaker, was proud of the fact that he was a dirt farmer. He was also proud of the fact he grew up in the true American way—hard work, honesty and the burning desire to be of service to his country and his fellow men.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER knew hard times and tragedy during his lifetime but he kept right on working toward the ideals which guided him through life. He became strengthened by the setbacks he encountered and used the experience to be a better servant to his neighbors and his Government.

History records the acts of many more famous men than Mr. CHRISTOPHER, but to his legion of farm friends, supporters and to his numerous acquaintances in all walks of life, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was a great man.

He was a wise, energetic and competent politician and lawmaker. He prided himself in the role of champion of the farmers' cause and well he should because the farmers of Missouri and America are the people he fought for in the Halls of Congress. He wanted his fellow farmers to get a fair deal from the Government and he died continuing that difficult task.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER was also a champion for the laboring man. Always alert and sympathetic to their cause, he was interested in legislation which would insure them better working conditions and a fair wage for their efforts. He was also an advocate for honesty in the upper echelons of organized labor as a means of protection for the workers.

We pride ourselves in having been numbered amongst Mr. CHRISTOPHER'S friends and confidants. Oftentimes he called us from his Washington office to keep us informed about something of interest in this, the Fourth Congressional District, which he represented so well. His many appointments of Vernon County young men to our military academies is but one evidence of his service to this area.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER was truly a representative of the people of his district and State in Congress and he will be greatly missed. His successor, in our opinion will be required to possess a lengthy stride to be able to walk in Mr. CHRISTOPHER'S footsteps.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, Jan. 24, 1959]

CHRISTOPHER IS DEAD AT AGE 70—MISSOURI FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN SUFFERS HEART ATTACK IN WASHINGTON—VOTE IN 1958 AN UPSET—LEGISLATOR, WITH VIRTUALLY NO ORGANIZED SUPPORT, WON IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Democrat, Missouri, died of a heart ailment tonight at his Washington home. He was 70.

CHRISTOPHER complained of feeling ill while watching television, lay down to rest and died a few minutes later at about 10:50 p.m.

BORN NEAR BUTLER

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CHRISTOPHER served in the 81st Congress, then became assistant to the director of the agricultural conservation program of the Department of Agriculture.

He was returned to Congress in the 84th Congress, and reelected to the 85th Congress. The present Congress is the 86th.

From 1948 to 1950 CHRISTOPHER served from the old sixth district but there was a redistricting and when he returned to Congress in 1954 he represented the fourth district.

PRAISE FOR RECORD

CHRISTOPHER was often lauded by labor for his voting record and received strong support from the farmers and rural people, to whom he was extremely close.

In the last primary campaign, often ill and recovering from a leg amputation, he fought the battle of his political life, virtually alone. The Jackson County coalition threw its support to Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., former mayor of Independence. The Jackson County faction leaders said CHRISTOPHER had gone back on his promise not to seek reelection.

The State and National committee of the AFL–CIO and the local committee of the CIO stuck by him but the powerful AFL political club headed by John J. Kopp, presiding judge of the county court, supported Weatherford.

Former President Harry S. Truman gave his support to the coalition candidate.

Weatherford banked on piling up a huge majority in heavily populated Jackson County to win. CHRISTOPHER concentrated on the farm vote that had been faithful to him in his other political battles. When the votes were counted CHRISTOPHER had won by more than 1,100 to the surprise of city politicians.

BEATS GOP CANDIDATE

In the November election he won by 30,000 votes over James Rahm, Warrensburg lawyer, the Republican candidate.

James L. Williams, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic committee, said last night he was shocked and sorry to hear of CHRISTOPHER'S death.

Williams said the Governor would make an appointment to fill out the term.

The Congressman's farm was near Amoret in Bates County, near the Kansas line. His farm, and agriculture in general, were his prime interests. He served as community committeeman in the first corn-hog program and held many other local agricultural positions in Bates County.

He had long urged aid to farmers and was a strong supporter of all farm legislation. He attributed last November's Democratic sweep to farm unrest.

In Congress he served on the Interior and Insular Affairs and Veterans' Affairs committees.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

LOST LEG IN 1957

In November 1957, CHRISTOPHER's right leg was amputated above the knee because of an arterial ailment.

"I never really made up my mind to run again until I knew I was going to lose my leg," he said a few weeks after the operation. "That will give me something to worry about which will make me forget my missing leg."

Upon hearing of the death of Mr. CHRISTOPHER, Weatherford issued this statement in Phoenix, Ariz., where he is executive director of plans for progress, a metropolitan area planning organization:

"The passing of a great Missourian is a loss to his State and Nation. I always held a warm affection and deep respect for 'Mr. GEORGE.' Never was a more high-level campaign conducted than by him, and not an unkind word came from his lips. Our last visit was at a party given for me by President Truman at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City, and I was deeply honored that my good friend, Mr. GEORGE, attended. His passing has taken a good friend, a great orator, and an able statesman from the American scene."

The Congressman, born in 1888, was a member of the Methodist church, the Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was educated in Butler and Sedalia and in 1913 married Miss Lelia Poore of Bowling Green, Mo.

The fourth district, represented by CHRISTOPHER, covers the eastern part of Kansas City, the rest of Jackson County, and Barton, Bates, Cass, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, and Vernon Counties in western Missouri.

[From the Washington (D.C.) Star, Jan. 24, 1959]

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, HOUSE MEMBER, DIES

Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, 70, Democrat, of Missouri, died of a heart ailment last night at his home, 1912 R Street SE.

He lived here with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Ratliff.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER, whose leg was amputated some time ago, complained of feeling ill while watching television. He lay down to rest and died a few minutes later.

The death of the Missouri Congressman, an expert on soil conservation, made the new House lineup 282 Democrats and 153 Republicans.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER represented the district that included Independence, the home of Harry S. Truman. He first came to Congress in 1949, served in the 1954 session and was reelected in 1956 and last year. He was a farmer with a special interest in soil conservation, which led to his participation in various House agricultural affairs.

ONE-TIME U.S. OFFICIAL

After one term, Mr. CHRISTOPHER left Congress to become assistant to the director of the Agricultural Conservation Program of the Agriculture Department. A firm believer in the use of lime, sweet clover, and alfalfa for preserving soil, he was himself the owner of a 975-acre farm near his native Butler, Mo.

While in the House, Mr. CHRISTOPHER served on the Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs, and Interior Committees.

FATHER WAS A FARMER

Mr. CHRISTOPHER was a graduate of the public schools in Bates County, Mo., and of Hill's Business College in Sedalia in 1907.

The son of a farmer, he repeatedly preached the urgency of widespread adoption of scientific erosion control methods. It was the responsibility of every farmer to do his part, he insisted, but the city dweller also could not ignore the land problems.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER was a Mason and a Shriner. He spent his life in Bates County except for brief periods as a young man spent in Oklahoma and Illinois. He was known among his congressional associates for his humor.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Jan. 24, 1959]

A CHRISTOPHER ATTACK FATAL—THE MISSOURI FOURTH DISTRICT MEMBER OF CONGRESS DIES IN WASHINGTON—BETTER SOIL HIS GOAL—BATES COUNTY FARMER, 70, PUT SPECIAL STRESS ON NEED FOR CONSERVATION

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HALTS WEATHERFORD BID

In last year's primary, CHRISTOPHER defeated Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., former mayor of Independence, who was supported by the Jackson County coalition.

CHRISTOPHER was endorsed by both the State and national committees of the AFL–CIO and the local committee of the CIO.

In May 1958, the Fourth District Congress Member denounced what he termed "unfounded rumors" that he would withdraw from the primary race.

CHRISTOPHER had long urged a sound farm program and said he would always support farm legislation. He attributed last November's Democratic sweep to farm unrest.

FAVORED HIGH PROPS

Calling for a return to a price support program of at least 90 percent of parity last November, CHRISTOPHER said the former program should be expanded to include vegetables, feed grains, poultry, and other commodities.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Jan. 24, 1959]

DEATH SWIFT TO ARRIVE—CHRISTOPHER DIES WHILE VIEWING TV PROGRAM

(By Jack Williams)

WASHINGTON, January 24.—GEORGE G. CHRISTOPHER, Representative in Congress from Missouri's Fourth District, died here last night before an ambulance could reach the home.

Details of the death of the 70-year-old Congressman were given this morning by Mrs. Moina Ratliff, his daughter. When in Washington CHRISTOPHER makes his home with his daughter and her husband, Ray J. Ratliff, who is a doorkeeper in the House.

Mrs. Ratliff said her father was watching television when he began complaining that his chest was bothering him.

"He said it felt like the heart attack he had back in 1951," Mrs. Ratliff said. "We called an ambulance, but he was dead before it arrived."

Mrs. Ratliff said a funeral service would be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Hines chapel in Washington. Then the body will be flown to Missouri for services in the Congressman's home community in Bates County. Relatives in Missouri will not attend the Washington service, Mrs. Ratliff said.

Details of the Missouri services have not yet been completed.

The House is expected to meet briefly at noon, Monday, eulogize CHRISTOPHER and then adjourn out of respect to him, and in order that the Members can attend the Washington service.

It is anticipated Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, will name a delegation from the House to represent that body at the services.

[From the Washington (D.C.) Post and Times Herald, Jan. 25, 1959]

CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER, 70

Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Democrat, Missouri, who considered himself a farmer first, died Friday night in the home of his daughter at 1912 R Street SE. He was 70.

Born on a farm in Butler, Mo., in 1888, he lived in the Fourth Congressional District near Independence, Mo., home of former President Harry S. Truman. He was first elected in 1948.

Former President Harry Truman paid tribute to Representative CHRISTOPHER:

"I'm as sorry as I can be to hear of his death," said Truman. "He was a fine Congressman and a fine man. I've known him for many years. CHRISTOPHER was the best-informed man on farm policy of any man I knew."

Representative CHRISTOPHER returned to his 975-acre farm after he lost to a Republican in 1950 but he came back to Washington to stay in 1954.

In Washington he lived with his daughter, Moina, and his son-in-law, Ray J. Ratliff, a doorkeeper in the House. Mrs. Christopher died in 1952.

Representative CHRISTOPHER was a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs and the Veterans Affairs Committees. But agriculture was his main interest.

Representative CHRISTOPHER was bitter about the waste of land resources. He criticized his fellow farmers for carelessness about soil erosion and he stumped for effective conservation programs. He was proud of the miles of terracing on his own farm.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

Father of seven sons and two daughters, Representative CHRISTOPHER proudly boasted that all his sons were farmers. Aside from Moina, all of his children live near the ancestral home in Missouri.

Four years ago, Representative CHRISTOPHER suffered his first heart attack. In November 1957, his right leg was amputated just above the knee as the result of a circulatory defect.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at the S. H. Hines Funeral Home, 2901 14th Street NW., Representative CHRISTOPHER will be buried in Butler, Mo., with the Missouri congressional delegation serving as honorary pallbearers.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Jan. 25, 1959]

CHRISTOPHER RITES SET—SERVICES WILL BE IN BUTLER, MO., WEDNESDAY

BUTLER, Mo., January 24.—Funeral services for GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Representative in Congress who died in Washington Friday night, will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday at the First Baptist Church here.

The body of the Congressman will be brought here after services in Washington Monday afternoon.

HIS HOME COUNTY

The services in CHRISTOPHER'S home county will be conducted by the Reverend Orval F. Woolery, pastor of the church. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery here. The CHRISTOPHER farm home is 7 miles northwest of here, near the Kansas-Missouri line.

[From the Washington (D.C.) Star, Jan. 25, 1959]

HOUSE SCHEDULES TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER TOMORROW

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the S. H. Hines Funeral Home for Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, 70, who died of a heart ailment Friday at his home, 1912 R Street SE. The body of the Missouri Democrat will be sent to his native Butler, Mo., for burial, where a memorial service is planned Wednesday.

The House planned to meet briefly tomorrow at noon to eulogize Mr. CHRISTOPHER and then adjourn out of respect for him. His death resulted in a new House lineup of 281 Democrats and 153 Republicans.

His right leg was amputated in 1957 as a result of a circulatory defect. He suffered an earlier heart attack 4 years ago.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER was an advocate of progressive soil conservation policies.

Representative Newell A. George, Democrat, of Kansas, and one of Mr. CHRISTOPHER'S closest friends, said yesterday:

"With the death of Representative CHRISTOPHER the farmers and little businessmen have lost a real champion and a true friend. His loss will not be easily replaced."

Mr. CHRISTOPHER, who was born near Butler, Mo., and graduated from public schools in Bates County, was a farmer first and last. He had a special interest in soil conservation and was active in various House agricultural affairs. The son of a farmer, he repeatedly preached the urgency of widespread adoption of scientific erosion control methods.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER represented Missouri's Fourth District, which included Independence, the home of Harry S. Truman. He was elected to Congress in 1949, served in the 1954 session and was reelected in 1956 and last year.

After one term, Mr. CHRISTOPHER left Congress to become assistant to the director of the agricultural conservation program of the Agriculture Department.

While in the House, he served on the Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs, and Interior Committees. He was known among his congressional colleagues for his humor.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER was a graduate of Hill's Business College in Sedalia, Mo., in 1907. He was a Mason, a Shriner, and Odd Fellow.

A widower, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ray J. Ratliff of the home address, and Mrs. Edward Ward of Butler, Mo.; and seven sons, George D., Moreland F., Homer W., Charles S., Wallace A., Robert L., and Joseph M., all of Butler. Also surviving are two brothers, Frank, of Lake Grove, Oreg., and Edward, of Hardin, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Julia Reavis of Corcoran, Calif.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Jan. 26, 1959]

A CHRISTOPHER TRIBUTE—LAWMAKERS GIVE EULOGIES IN CONGRESS—SESSION THEN IS RECESSED TO PERMIT MEMBERS TO ATTEND RITES

(By Jack Williams)

WASHINGTON, January 26.—Twenty-three Members of the House of Representatives today eulogized the late GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER of Missouri, who died Friday.

"His career was a striking example of freedom of opportunity and limitless possibilities under our form of government," Representative Cannon, dean of the Missouri delegation in Congress, said "He started as a young man without land, capital or influence."

SERVICES IN CAPITOL

The House adjourned after the eulogies so that Members could attend funeral services here this afternoon. Flags atop the Capitol flew at half mast. A scheduled meeting of the Interior Committee, of which CHRISTOPHER was a member, adjourned in honor of the deceased member.

The body will be taken by train tonight to Kansas City, from where it will be moved to Butler, Mo., for services there at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. A resolution was adopted by the House expressing sympathy to the family and naming the other 10 Missouri Representatives to be honorary pallbearers. Several of them will attend the funeral services at Butler.

The fight the Congressman made for renomination last year was referred to by Cannon and Representative Bolling, of Kansas City.

"A DECISIVE VICTORY"

"When he announced his candidacy he was handicapped physically and politically," Cannon said. "He was marked for slaughter by his opponents. He fought through the primary and won a decisive victory on his record of service."

Bolling said that in the last primary campaign CHRISTOPHER was "opposed by forces so strong he was not thought able to survive." He added that after Mr. CHRISTOPHER's victory he held no malice against those who had sought to prevent his renomination.

Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic floor leader, praised CHRISTOPHER's hard work in Congress and summarized him as "a great man who took his work but not himself seriously."

Representatives Bolling, Karsten, Carnahan, Sullivan, and Brown of Missouri are planning to attend the services in Butler.

[From the New York Times, Jan. 27, 1959]

CHRISTOPHER EULOGIZED—HOUSE MEMBERS PAY TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI REPRESENTATIVE

WASHINGTON, January 26.—Twenty-three House Members today eulogized Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, Democrat of Missouri, who died of a heart attack here Friday.

The House then adjourned out of respect to Mr. CHRISTOPHER after delegating its other Members from Missouri to attend a funeral service here and in Missouri.

The service was held at a funeral home here this afternoon with the Rev. Bernard Braskamp, House chaplain, and the Rev. Arthur

Underwood of St. Timothy's Protestant Episcopal Church in Washington officiating.

Another service will be held in the Baptist church at Butler, Mo., Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be at Butler.

Representative Clarence Cannon, a Democrat and dean of the Missouri delegation, cited the courage of Mr. CHRISTOPHER, who, although handicapped by a leg amputation a year ago, had fought to victory in the election.

[From Roll Call, Jan. 28, 1959]

REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER FIRST DEATH OF 86TH

Ten of his congressional colleagues accompanied his body west to Butler, Mo., as the House of Representatives paid its reverent respects to GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, 70, who died of a heart attack Friday.

The veteran legislator succumbed at the home of his daughter and son-in-law after complaining of feeling ill early in the evening. He had served for nearly 10 years and represented ex-President Truman's home district.

Members of the House eulogized CHRISTOPHER, the first death of the 86th Congress, and the House adjourned Monday out of respect for the solon, whose final services will be held today.

He was the son of a Missouri farmer, grew up in Bates County, and was an expert on agriculture and veterans' affairs. He served on the Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs, and Interior Committees.

Funeral services in Washington were held Monday at the S. H. Hines Home. He is survived by two daughters and seven sons.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, Jan. 28, 1959]

RITES TODAY AT BUTLER—BODY OF REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER ARRIVES HERE—LABOR AND POLITICAL FIGURES AND BATES COUNTY CITIZENS MEET TRAIN

A large delegation of labor and political figures and Bates County citizens was at the Union Station last night when a train arrived with the body of U.S. Representative GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER.

In a private car on the back of the train were three Missouri Representatives who served with CHRISTOPHER in Washington. They were Richard Bolling, of Kansas City, A. S. J. Carnahan, Ellsinore, and Morgan M. Moulder, Camdenton.

EIGHT TO ATTEND

The three are among eight of Missouri's Representatives to the House of Representatives who will attend services for CHRISTOPHER today at Butler. CHRISTOPHER, Missouri Fourth District Representative from Butler, died Friday in Washington.

Charles Harrison Brown, Springfield; W. R. Hull, Jr., Weston; Mrs. Leonor K. Sullivan, St. Louis; and Frank M. Karsten, St. Louis, arrived last night by plane. Karsten is acting head of the House delegation.

Kenneth R. Harding, Sergeant at Arms of the House, said the congressional delegation will go to Butler this morning by motorcar.

DAUGHTER ON TRAIN

Mrs. Ray J. Ratliff, CHRISTOPHER'S daughter, met the train. She, with her husband and 4-year-old daughter, Ramona, attended memorial services for her father Monday at Washington, then drove here.

Also present was Leonard Irving, Congressman from the Fourth District from 1949–53. He is now president and business representative of Laborers Local 264.

H. L. Oberweather, mayor of Butler, met the train. He had issued a proclamation requesting that all businesses in Butler close tomorrow from 1:45 until 2:45 o'clock. Services for CHRISTOPHER will be at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, Jan. 29, 1959]

BIG CROWD ATTENDS CHRISTOPHER RITES—ABOUT 1,500 PERSONS AT BUTLER CHURCH FOR SERVICES FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE COME FROM MANY AREAS, FELLOW LEGISLATORS, LABOR, MASONS, AND OTHER GROUPS ARE REPRESENTED

(By James R. Ashlock)

BUTLER, Mo., January 28.—GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, the 70-year-old Member of the House of Representatives from the Fourth Missouri District, was buried today beside his wife and mother in Oak Hill Cemetery, 2 miles east of Butler. Representative CHRISTOPHER died Friday night in Washington.

About 1,500 persons crowded into the small Butler Baptist Church for the funeral. Only about 600 could be seated in the sanctuary. Others sat in Sunday school classrooms and the basement, listening on a public address system.

Seated in the front row were seven of his House colleagues. They were Frank M. Karsten and Mrs. Leonor K. Sullivan, St. Louis; Richard Bolling, Kansas City; W. R. Hull, Jr., Weston; Charles H. Brown, Springfield; A. S. J. Carnahan, Ellsinore; and Morgan M. Moulder, Camdenton.

HILLELSON IS PRESENT

Jeffrey P. Hillelson, acting postmaster at Kansas City, was representing Representative Thomas B. Curtis, Webster Groves. Hillelson, a Republican, once held the Fourth District House post and was unseated by CHRISTOPHER. Also present was Kenneth B. Harding, Sergeant at Arms for the House.

The Reverend Orval Wooley sketched CHRISTOPHER'S career. He told of CHRISTOPHER'S soil conservation practices and of his efforts in Congress to assist farm interests.

Not far from Butler, near the Amoret community, is CHRISTOPHER'S 950-acre farm where he spent most of his life. It was his farm background that won him favor among the agricultural people. But he had support, too, among nonrural labor groups.

CHRISTOPHER had sought benefits for postal workers. In appreciation of this, five members of Kansas City Local 67 of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks attended the funeral. William H. Cady, 7706 East 112th Street, Hickman Mills, president of the local, headed the delegation.

LABOR IS REPRESENTED

Other labor groups who supported CHRISTOPHER were represented by H. E. Carroll, area director for the United Auto Workers, and Julius Frazer, international representative of the UAW. Both are from Kansas City. Oren Lee Staley, Rea, Mo., president of the National Farmers organization, was present.

CHRISTOPHER was a member of the Amsterdam Masonic lodge, which meets near his farm home. He joined the lodge in 1937. Eighteen members of the lodge were among the 200 present for the Masonic ceremony at the graveside.

Richard H. Ichord, speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, appointed a five-member delegation which attended the service. They were Mrs. Olive Hedger McGuire, Bates County; Curtis Vernon Davidson, Henry County; Calvin Holloway, Sinclair County; W. C. McGraw, Johnson County, and George Duensing, Jr.; Lafayette County.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

[From the Bates County Democrat, Butler, Mo., Feb. 5, 1959]

FINAL RITES FOR GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

A crowd of 1,500 crowded into the Butler Baptist Church last Wednesday afternoon to attend final rites for Congressman GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, who died at his home in Washington, D.C., Friday night, January 28. Services had been held earlier in the week in Washington and the body was escorted to Butler for the memorial and graveside services.

Included in the throng of mourners were people from all walks of life—from congressional and farm organization dignitaries to personal friends and acquaintances of the colorful Democratic Congressman from the Fourth District.

Rev. Orval Woolery, pastor of the Butler Church, in his sermon recounted CHRISTOPHER'S distinguished career as a farmer and lawmaker. Passages from the Sermon on the Mount and Golden Rule (CHRISTOPHER'S favorites) were recited in the brief but impressive service. The memorial actually began at 2 p.m., but the mourners began streaming into the church before noon to pay their last respects.

At the conclusion of the services, the body of CHRISTOPHER was laid to final rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery east of Butler. These services were conducted by CHRISTOPHER'S home Masonic lodge of Amsterdam, Mo.

Deep personal loss of a friend and lawmaker was reflected on the face of each mourner as he passed by the casket of GEORGE CHRISTOPHER. The countless floral displays paid a final tribute to the fallen Congressman.

Governmental dignitaries here to attend the funeral services included:

Congressmen Frank M. Karsten, St. Louis, Mo.; Richard Bolling, Kansas City; W. R. Hull, Jr., Weston, Mo.; Charles H. Brown, Springfield, Mo.; A. S. J. Carnahan, Ellsinore, Mo.; Morgan M. Moulder, Camdenton, Mo.; and Mrs. Leonor K. Sullivan, St. Louis, Mo.; Assistant Sergeant at Arms of the House, Kenneth R. Harding, Washington, D.C.; House of Representatives, Jefferson City, Mrs. Olive Hedger McGuire, Bates County; Curtis Vernon Davidson, Henry County; Calvin Holloway, Sinclair County; W. C. McGraw, Johnson County; George Duensing, Jr., Lafayette County; State Senator Kelso Journey and Mrs. Journey, Clinton, Mo.; National N.F.O. President Oren Lee Staley, Rea, Mo.; National Director Gordon Shafer, Elm, Mo., Fourth District chairman; Glenn Nelson, Nevada, Mo.; Fourth District chairman J. E. Hambright, Harrisonville, Mo.; Lafayette County Democratic Chairman Q. J. Bernard, Lexington,

Mo.; Vernon County Democratic Chairman M. L. Welty, Nevada, Mo. Labor union, John E. Rinkenbaugh, H. E. Carroll, Julius Frazier, and J. A. Sanders, all of Kansas City.

EXCERPTS FROM THE SERVICE CONDUCTED BY THE REVEREND ORVAL F. WOOLERY, BUTLER BAPTIST CHURCH, BUTLER, MO., JANUARY 28, 1959

THE BLESSING OF WORK

Scripture (Matthew 5: 1–16):

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain; and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him. And He opened His Mouth, and taught them, saying, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they are prophets which were before you.

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before Me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Text (Matthew 5: 16): "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Poem, "Friends," by Lloyd Carleton Shank:

"Can any earthly possession
Be estemed above a friend?
Can other in time of sorrow
Greater comfort lend?

"Across the pages of history
And down to the present time
No sweeter theme is recorded
Than friendship's past sublime.

"He that is guilty of using
His friends for selfish gain
Should never again feel worthy
Their confidence to retain.

"True friendship's highest regard
The Master clearly commends
In setting forth the lesson
Of loyalty to friends."

We seek comfort in various ways: First, friendship; second, meditation; third, work. All three are important and can bring much comfort.

I. Friendship truly is of such worth we would be rich if we had friends but none of the world's goods.

Again, should we not have earthly friends but know Him who is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, we are rich.

II. Meditation has been vital in every life that has achieved. It has been the springboard to accomplishment. Meditation has been a blessing to those who sorrow. For through it we often find the key that unlocks the treasure house of blessing; we find the light that dispels the darkness that surrounds us; and we find the courage to overcome our fears.

With the psalmist we would say, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Poem, "The Secret of His Presence," by Lloyd Carlton Shank:

"It is good for us to wander
Through the fields and far away
From the trials and temptations
That beset us every day:
To the secret of His presence
Where He teaches us to know
That 'tis here we find refreshing
Where His living waters flow.
"O, the rapture of this meeting
With the friend who understands
And calms out every tempest
Through the power of His Commands.
So my brother, I entreat you
That you seek without delay
And you'll find in Him the quenching
For your thirsting soul today."

III. Work, "The tree of life is laden with promise for him who works." (Rev. S. R. Bratcher, Methodist minister.)

George Christopher was a worker.

The Sermon on the Mount teaches us that to work is blessed.

Poem, "Work," by an unknown author:

"This is the gospel of labor,
Ring it, ye bells of the kirk;
The Lord of love came down from above
To live with the men who work.

This is the rose He planted
Here in the thorn-cursed soil.
Heaven is blest with perfect rest,
But the blessing of earth is toil."

We who remain today can find comfort in work.

The Apostle Paul said, "I am debtor."

Three things that prompt us to work:

1. An awareness that we owe something to ourselves and families.

2. We are indebted to others: (a) for our heritage, (b) for our blessings.

3. We are indebted to God:

(a) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15: 58.)

May we find comfort then in friendship, in meditation, and work.

Original and Unpublished Poems Written by the Honorable George H. Christopher

JIM

He had religion's blessed hope
Of mansions in the sky.
But it so happened that one day
Jim took his bed to die;
"Up yonder" then he whispered as the
Preacher closed his pray,
"But going from Missouri
I'll get lonesome over there."

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

REMEMBERED NAMES

Remember the names we knew long ago
When in youth we first lived in this land?
There was Westover, Armentrout, Bailey, and Scott
And Marshall and Allen and Hand.
There was Rabourn and Cowdry and Maddy and Park
And Dawson and Barton and Burns;
They are gone like dry leaves in a November wind
And scarcely a memory returns.

YOUTH'S SPIRIT

A few more years—a few more years
The past will be behind,
Sweet in the shroud of faded hopes
Dear to my inmost mind.
I think 'twill haunt my after life,
That spirit young and bold
That will take me back to the long ago,
Ere I became so old.

MY VANISHED FRIEND

Around the corner, I had a friend,
I knew not he was nearing the end;
The days slipped by and weeks wore on
And before I knew it, my friend was gone.

And for months I had not seen his face
For life sets a swift and terrible pace
And that's what I get and deserve in the end:
Around the corner—a vanished friend.

ETERNAL SPRING

There came a spring so long ago
The winter's sleep was scarcely broken,
The south wind and the sun returned
Listening for words that were never spoken.

Though two score years and more are gone
Spring now comes just the same as then,
And if we had it all to do
We'd do it just the same again.

There was a spring that never came
But we have lived enough to know,
That what we never have—we keep
While everything we have must go.

LOST LOVE

I walk alone beneath a wishing moon
Where love bends low to kiss a dream goodby;
Since God has said, with me she could not stay
Each morn I wake to greet a loveless day.

MY BELOVED

A moss-covered cabin by a flowing brook
At the foot of a mountain in a shady nook,
With a winding patch to a sparkling spring
Where bluebirds warble and the cardinals sing.

It was there we came on Easter Day
And the jonquils nodded their heads so gay,
And we kindled a flame on our heartstone there
For the fog was chill in the mountain air.

But our hearts were warm with youth and love
Though the fog shut out the sun above.
And happiness dwelt in our first home there
As the firelight gleamed in your golden hair.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 26, 1959.*

DEAR MR. AND MRS. RATLIFF: Words can't seem to express the many thoughts and sincere sympathy that are with you at this time.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY,
CHURCH OF SAINT TIMOTHY.

JANUARY 27, 1959.

The officers and members of the Washington Heart Association gratefully acknowledge a contribution from his friends in the Agricultural Conservation Program Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vellone (former neighbors), in memory of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER toward the conquest of heart disease.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *January 25, 1959.*

To the Family of the Hon. George H. Christopher:

May you find strength and courage
And understanding, too
In deeply sympathetic thoughts
This message brings to you.

We were married 50 years the 24th of December, and we received a congratulatory letter signed by your dear father. We were so surprised and so happy to receive it, and cherish it so much—we wouldn't take anything for it.

He must have been a wonderful man, and we would have been pleased to have met him. When we read in our paper of him passing away we were so sorry.

Please accept our deepest sympathy and we pray that God will give you physical strength and spiritual power to carry you through your great sorrow.

May God bless and comfort you all.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. FELCH.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY: My family and I wish to convey our deepest sympathy on the death of your father, the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER.

While our grief can never match yours, his passing meant a great loss to us also.

We came to know Mr. CHRISTOPHER well as a neighbor and a friend and we're going to miss his kindness, wisdom, and ready wit every day of our lives.

I shall always remember especially those evenings when your father, relaxing on the patio after a strenuous day on the Hill, would hold us spellbound with his reminiscences of things past and his wise interpretation of things present and future. I'll never forget, either, the early morning coffee, which we all enjoyed so much. After his coffee and a restful night, your father could always face the day with high spirits and zest. His example was an inspiration to all who knew him and I'd like to think that I'm a better man for having known him and called him friend.

Again let us attempt to tell you how much we sympathize with you in your loss and to assure you that he is going to be missed by everyone as a fine legislator and a fine gentleman.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. STEPHENSON AND FAMILY.

CLINTON, MO., *January 30, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY: Two years ago tomorrow Pet (Mrs. Sperry) left. My sorrow was so deep that I felt that life would not be worth living. My sorrow now is just as deep, but I learned that I

must live whatever time may be allotted, and that I must adjust myself to the finality of death.

Pet and I attended your mother's funeral and your father wept with us in his sorrow. He wept with me a few years later, in mine. We have many times talked with each other about our great loneliness.

I told him at the cemetery, where he now rests, that I had come with him as far as mortal man can go, to the graveside of his beloved. Thereafter, he must seek his own solution, a new way of life, bereft of that which he held most dear. He understood. So it was with me, when Pet was laid to rest. So it must be with you, now that GEORGE is gone. Even my children could only walk with me to the graveside, they can't really share my terrible sorrow, although they, too, grieve for their mother; but their grief, they alone must bear; mine, I alone must bear and learn to live with.

But friends can still love the families of those who are gone. I shall always love and respect his friendship, and my affection for his family and close friends will continue through the years that I have left.

Sincerely and affectionately,

HON. FLOYD L. SPERRY,
Judge, Kansas City Court of Appeals.

P.S.—I write this to you because I knew you better than I did other members of the family, but I would like them to know how I feel.

ARLINGTON, VA., *January 24, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY:

THE PATH BEYOND THE BEND

Have you ever walked along a path
And looked ahead of you
To where the road turned suddenly
And seemed lost awhile to view?

Think of your dear one living still
Where the road goes on without end
It's only we who do not see
The path beyond the bend.

Nell and I extend to you and all the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour of your bereavement. We are sorry.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER has been one of my best friends for many, many years. I was deeply shocked to learn of his passing. We had

a nice visit by phone earlier in the week and he was in his usual cheerful frame of mind.

Like you, we shall miss him terribly. He was a fine gentleman, a conscientious one, who was devoted to his family and his work.

Sincerely,

NELL and CHARLES HASLET,
Charles Haslet,
Associated Press, Washington, D.C.

ROSCOE, Mo., *January 31, 1959.*

Mrs. MOINA RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: I extend to you and your family my sympathy in the loss of your father. He had endeared himself to many by his sense of humor and his sincere friendliness. I personally feel that I have lost a very close friend. I know that all of the Missouri farmers have lost a friend that fought to solve their problems to the utmost of his strength. I realize that, in the last few years, much of his strength and courage came from the loving care that you had given him.

I hope that you will find solace in your sorrow that he was doing the work that he had chosen, up to the very end of his life. His closeness to God and nature during his life, can only mean that he has reached the eternal home that we all seek.

Sincerely yours,

CALVIN HOLLOWAY AND FAMILY,
Associate in the PMA program and now State representative.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., *January 29, 1959.*

DEAR FOLKS: I was terribly shocked to learn of the sudden death of your father this morning, upon our return from a short vacation. Although we will attend the service in Washington today, I deeply regret that we cannot be in Butler on Wednesday.

I am quite sure it is not necessary for me to tell you how much I thought of your father. He was a warm and loyal friend of my father and mother, and of me, for all the years he knew us, and he has done many great favors for all of us. I have always been very proud of him and of the outstanding record he made in the various positions he has held. It has been a source of great regret to me that I was in Europe during the past 4 years. It kept me

from seeing your father and visiting with him as we used to do when I was living in Butler and Hickman Mills.

I can't help but feel that you have been very fortunate to have had your father with you as long as you have. My father died when I was 9 years old, and I can't really say I ever knew what it was to have a father. George lived a full life, he leaves a wonderful treasure of memories, of accomplishments, and of outstanding performance in positions of public trust and responsibility. Somehow, I don't believe any man can do more in one lifetime.

May God bless you and comfort you in this time of sorrow and sadness.

As always,

DONALD DAWSON,

Former Prosecuting Attorney, Bates County, Mo., now assigned to the General Accounting Office.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *February 15, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA: I was so sorry to hear of the death of your father. I have been thinking of all of you knowing that you all loved and respected him deeply and that you and Ray especially will miss him very much.

He was a courageous person and a dedicated man to his principles and ideals and did not hesitate to try and carry out that which he felt was right.

You and Ray, however, know that you were his greatest help and were so devoted to him. It is not everyone that has such loyal children. I know this was appreciated by all your friends.

My most sincere sympathy to you all.

Affectionately,

KATHERINE COX
Mrs. Joseph Cox,

Widow of former President of Michigan State College.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *February 1, 1959.*

MRS. RAY RATLIFF.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: Your dear father sent my mother such a beautiful letter on her 90th birthday which was a year ago.

We are so sorry he has been called to his eternal rest, but God always knows best.

We just wanted to send our sympathy.
Thinking of you and remembering your father in our prayers.
We are,
Respectfully,

MRS. OLIVER CORRIGAN AND MOTHER,
MRS. ELLA BICKENBACH.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER: With sympathy.

There is little one can say
And little one can do
Except to express the heartfelt wish
That comfort be granted you.

THE MISSOURI SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,
HARRY WAKE, *President.*

BOLIVAR, MO., *February 10, 1959.*

FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER: We were so sorry to hear the sad news of Mr. CHRISTOPHER's death. It is not only a loss to his relatives but to our State and Nation as well.
We shall never forget him.

MRS. F. L. STUFFLEBAM,
Editor and Publisher, Bolivar Herald.

JOPLIN, MO., *January 27, 1959.*

FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER: With sympathy in the loss of your father.

Your father meant so much to you
In such a special way
That all who know you know how deep
Your sorrow is today.

But may your loving thoughts of him,
Your cherished memories, too,
Lend comfort to you now and keep him
Always close to you.

MRS. G. W. BERRY AND GEORGIA E. BERRY,
Widow and daughter of Dr. Berry.

FEBRUARY 11, 1959.

DEAR MOINA AND FAMILY: I want to send my sincerest heart felt sympathy to you and yours in the loss of your wonderful father. I too, have lost a dear father and mother and I can really and truly say I sympathize with you. Your heartache will always be there—you will always miss him—more as time goes on, but the wonderful memories you have of him will ease that ache. They are proud memories. Memories that will make your personality unfold into a bigger, better, lovelier lady.

His funeral was the biggest funeral ever held in Butler, the services were very nice, although the minister did not eulogize him too much. The presence of all his friends displayed the best eulogy of any unspoken words.

I shall always remember my wonderful privilege of working with you 2 years ago.

Love,

GLADYS AND JESSE BLAKEMAN.

(Long a family friend and former employee of the Congressman.)

WARRENSBURG, MO., *January 25, 1959.*

To the family of the Honorable George H. Christopher, Butler, Mo.

DEAR FRIENDS: Please permit us to express to you our deep sorrow upon reading in the Kansas City paper of January 24 of the sudden death of Mr. CHRISTOPHER. Little did we realize last October during the campaign when we talked to him here in Warrensburg, it would be our last meeting with him. Mr. CHRISTOPHER was one of those rare individualists who went the second mile in behalf of all of his constituents of the Fourth Congressional District. His place cannot be filled by anyone. He will be missed by those of us who regarded him as a very close personal friend.

With deepest regards,

We are

Mr. and Mrs. ROLLA F. WOOD.

(Mr. Wood, professor, Central Missouri State College.)

[From the Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Jan. 24, 1959]

CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE H.: To the officers and members of Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES, notice is given of the death of our late brother, GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER. Funeral services will be

held at 3 p.m., Monday, January 26, 1959, at the S. H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th Street NW.

DOROTHY M. WIGHTMAN,
Worthy Matron.
E. GERTRUDE SMITH,
Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR SISTER MOINA AND BROTHER RAY: "For I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee." (Isaiah 41: 10.)

May God who watches over us
Be with you in your sorrow
To give you comfort for today
And courage for tomorrow.

Most sincerely and fraternally,
DOROTHY and RALPH WIGHTMAN,
Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

KANSAS CITY, MO.,
January 26, 1959.

FAMILY OF HON. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER: May you find some measure of comfort in this sincere expression of sympathy.
EDWIN W. KETTLESEN,
Secretary, Scottish Rite (Masonic group).

WASHINGTON, D. C. *January 24, 1959.*

DEAR SISTER MOINA AND BROTHER RAY:

This brings you deepest sympathy
And comes to let you know
That you will be thought of often
Through the days that come and go.

Our love and sympathy to you. May God give you strength and comfort.

Fraternally and sincerly,
ROY AND ELVIRA OSTROM.

(Roy Ostrom, past patron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES and worthy grand patron, grand chapter, District of Columbia, OES. Elvira Ostrom, past matron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.)

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA and RAY: In this hour of sorrow may you be comforted by the heartfelt sympathy of your many friends and loved ones.

No one can take the place of your father or mother, but we know the parting is only temporary.

Fondly and Fraternally,

VIRGINIA KEMP,
Associated Matron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *February 4, 1959.*

DEAR SISTER MOINA and BROTHER RAY: To express sincere sympathy to you in your sorrow in the loss of your fine father.

Fraternally yours,

GRACE AND HARVEY GODDARD,
Past Matron and Patron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *February 2, 1959.*

DEAREST MOINA and RAY: Please accept my sincere sympathy over the loss of your loved one. Words mean so little at a time like this, but I want you to know my thoughts are with you. Jack, too.

With my love,

PEGGY SHAW KERR,
Past Matron, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA and RAY: All who knew your loved one are thinking of you today, and sharing your loss with understanding and deepest sympathy.

Please feel free to call upon me at any time if I can be of assistance in any way.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." (Psalms 121:1.)

Sincerely and Fraternally,

JAMES L. EVANS,
Past Patron, Columbia Chapter No. 15, OES.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 26, 1959.*

DEAR SISTER MOINA AND BROTHER RAY: May it help you now in some small way to meet each new tomorrow just knowing someone shares your grief and understands your sorrow.

With love and deep sympathy,

MYRTLE HUMPHRIES,
Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, District of Columbia, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR SISTER MOINA AND BROTHER RAY: With sincere sympathy to you in your sorrow—our deepest sympathy to you and yours in the passing of your beloved father.

Sincerely and fraternally,

LOLA AND HARRY BEACH.

(Harry Beach, past grand patron, grand chapter, District of Columbia, OES.)

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY: Please accept the deepest sympathy of us in your bereavement.

If there is anything we can do to ease the heaviness of your hearts or assist you in any way, please call upon us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

IRENE LANGDON,
Secretary, Golden Sunbeams of 1957 Association.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 24, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY: Sister and I want to express our heartfelt and understanding sympathy to you in the passing of your dear father.

No matter the length of time they have been spared to us, we are never quite ready to part with our loved ones.

May God grant you His comfort and peace.

With love,

ETHEL CALVERT,
Member, Columbia Chapter No. 15, OES.
FRANCES DUFFY.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 25, 1959.*

MOINA, MY DEAR: I've just learned of the sudden passing of your father and do want you to know my heart goes out to you in sincere and loving sympathy and I pray our Heavenly Father will give you strength to bear your great sorrow.

If there is anything I can do, just let me know.

Sincerely and fraternally,

RUTH DURNO,
Member, Columbia Chapter No. 15, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *February 13, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA:

Somewhere the Sun is shining
Thru mists of hazy blue.
Somewhere there is no sorrow
And hearts are happy and true.
Somewhere there is no parting.
Somewhere there is no pain.
Somewhere loved ones are waiting
To greet us once again.
And tho beyond our understanding
May this set your heart at rest—
Somewhere in all His wisdom
A loving God knows best.

So sorry this is late to remind you more of your sorrow, but although time passes quickly, it somehow can never erase memories of our loved ones.

Want you to know my thoughts have been with you.

I still have the inspiring letter your father wrote to me when he was in the hospital. You can be sure he is in "His loving care" now. Columbia has lost a dear member.

Sincerely,

ETHEL GOUGH,
Member, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 26, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA:

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he's just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there.
So think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here,
Think of him still as the same, I say
He is not dead—he is just away!"

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Sincerely,

MRS. AGNES (TED) DORSEY,
Member, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 16, 1959.*

DEAR MOINA AND RAY:

"Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

"As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

"Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride;
It followed the light through the crevice Length
And unfolded itself on the other side.

"The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

"Shall calm of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

"Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore."

—*A. L. Frink.*

Deepest sympathy,

EDWARD and JEAN WHITE,
Family Friends and Members, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, OES.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to include the following material as a part of my remarks:

BUTLER BAPTIST CHURCH,
Butler, Mo., January 28, 1959.

IN REMEMBRANCE

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

In Memory of
Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER
Born
December 9, 1888, Bates County, Mo.
Passed away
January 23, 1959, Washington, D.C.
Services at
Butler Baptist Church, January 28, 1959, 2 p.m.

Officiating
Rev. Orval Woolery
Final Resting Place
Oak Hill Cemetery
Casket Bearers

John W. Fritz	C. Walter Stanfill	Joe L. Clapp
Ralph O. Fritz	Wm. A. Fritz	Marvin C. Durst

Honorary
Amsterdam Masonic Lodge, No. 141
Congressional Delegation
Missouri State Officials
Soloist—Eileen Durst
Accompanist—Ruth Woolery
Masonic Rites at Graveside

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 24, 1959.*

Mr. and Mrs. RAY RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.:

Terribly sorry to hear sad news. Deepest sympathy to you and yours,

STUART SYMINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 26, 1959.*

Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Washington, D.C.:

I am greatly saddened to learn of the passing of your father. On behalf of the officers and airmen of the United States Air Force, I extend to you our deepest sympathy.

THOMAS D. WHITE,
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 26, 1959.*

Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Washington, D.C.:

On behalf of the United States Air Force as well as Mrs. Douglas and myself, I extend deepest sympathy to you on the passing of your father.

JAMES H. DOUGLAS,
Secretary of the Air Force.

WASHINGTON, D.C., *January 28, 1959.*

The Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Washington, D.C.:

Your beloved relative and my distinguished colleague was a true public servant, a man of unconquerable spirit. Our entire Nation shares deeply with you in his loss.

CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR.,
Member of Congress,
Thirteenth District of Michigan.

Washington, D.C., *January 27, 1959.*

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF and
Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Butler, Mo.:

May we extend to you our deepest sympathy. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER was one of the truly great men of our time and one of the ablest and most faithful rural electrification leaders in the United States Congress. He will be missed by rural people throughout the Nation.

CLYDE T. ELLIS, *General Manager,*
JOHN M. GEORGE, *President,*
And Board of Directors of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

WHITEMAN AFB, MO., *January 24, 1959.*

The GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER Family,
Butler, Mo.:

The officers and airmen of Whiteman AFB wish to extend their deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your father. We have lost a real friend whom we shall truly miss.

Sincerely,

HAROLD E. HAMFELD,
Colonel, USA, Commander.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., *January 25, 1959.*

The Family of Hon. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER,
Washington, D.C.:

America has lost a great son. All the veterans and their loved ones particularly mourn the loss of a true friend. Proudly, we salute his memory, for he was a real patriot, and extend to you our deepest sympathy.

AL AND ICIE SHOOP,
Commander and President, Corpus Christi Barracks No. 1070, and Ladies' Auxiliary, Veterans of World War I.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *January 28, 1959.*

The CHRISTOPHER Family,
Butler, Mo.:

The deep and heartfelt sympathy of the officers and members of our committee is extended to each of you in your great loss and sorrow.

JERRY IRVING,
Secretary, Kansas City Area, COPE AFL–CIO.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, D.C., January 28, 1959.

The Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Butler, Mo.

DEAR FOLK: I am sending this note to tell you how grieved I am at the passing of my friend, Congressman CHRISTOPHER. He was a valuable member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and a fine person with whom to be associated.

My sincere condolences.

Sympathetically,

SUMNER G. WHITTIER,
Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., January 26, 1959.

Family of Hon. GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER,
Washington, D.C.:

Mrs. Fisher and I have learned with sadness of the death of your father. While there is little one can say or do in times like these to ease your feeling of sorrow, we should like you to know that you have our profound sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. FISHER,
Major General, USAF,
Director, Legislative Liaison.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
Washington, D.C., January 30, 1959.

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your father

On behalf of the members of the Naval Establishment, I wish to express to you, your brothers and your sister our heartfelt sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely,

THOMAS S. GATES, Jr.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., January 26, 1959.

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: It was with regret that I learned Saturday morning of your father's death. He was a man of courage and integrity in both his political and personal life. As you know, he was always kind to me and it was a genuine pleasure to be associated with him.

You know that you have my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

JACK BROOKS.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., January 27, 1959.

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: It deeply grieved me to learn of the death of your father, Congressman GEORGE CHRISTOPHER.

May it comfort you to know that your father was highly admired and respected by all his colleagues.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., January 26, 1959.

Mr. and MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. RATLIFF: Mrs. Rivers joins with me in extending our deepest sympathy to you at the passing of Mr. CHRISTOPHER. His friendliness to all of us from Alaska, and his stanch support of Alaska's statehood cause will not be forgotten as long as we live.

By the same token, I am sure that our fond memories of Mr. CHRISTOPHER and his warm and sterling qualities will be a continuing inspiration through all the years.

Our thoughts and hearts will be with you during the days to come.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. RIVERS,
Member of Congress.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
Washington, D.C., January 25, 1959.

Mrs. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: We are all deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your father and offer our condolences to you and your family at this time of great sadness for you.

We feel that we have lost a true friend and loyal supporter of our party's philosophies and programs. Congressman CHRISTOPHER'S dedicated service in public office on behalf of the majority of the people will be sorely missed.

My personal sympathy to you in your great loss.

Sincerely,

PAUL M. BUTLER.

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION,
Washington, D.C., January 27, 1959.

Mrs. RAY RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: I wish to extend to you and your family my very deep and sincere sympathy in the tragic loss of your wonderful father, Congressman CHRISTOPHER.

He made a great contribution to agriculture, and particularly to the family farmer.

My kindest personal regards.

Most sincerely,

JAMES G. PATTON,
President.

HEADQUARTERS 2D AIR FORCE,
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LA.,
January 28, 1959.

Mrs. RAY RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: It was with deep regret that I learned of your father's fatal illness.

Congressman CHRISTOPHER was a stanch friend of Whiteman Air Force Base, and we feel that his death is a real loss to the Air Force community in the Fourth District.

Please accept and convey to your brothers and sister my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

J. P. McCONNELL,
Major General, USAF,
Commander.

BUTLER, MO., *January 28, 1959.*

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: Missouri has most certainly lost one of its finest men. As the saying goes, your father passed on while in harness, and I'm sure that's the way he would have chosen.

My respects and deepest sympathy to you all.

Respectfully,

T. W. ARNOLD, Jr., D.D.S.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL,
Kansas City, Mo., January 27, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. RAY RATLIFF,
Butler, Mo.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. RATLIFF: I am herewith enclosing a copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Jackson County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The resolution speaks for itself, but I would add that we feel we have lost a true friend in the Congressman.

We join your many friends in sending you our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

ELTON LYONS, *Commander.*

Enclosure.

RESOLUTION

Whereas God in His infinite mercy has taken GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER from our midst; and

Whereas GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, for many years and while serving in the Congress of the United States, has given freely of his time to help the veterans, their widows and children, and, more particularly, veterans who have not been able to fully care for themselves; and

Whereas GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER has sponsored and championed the cause of the veteran, his widow, and his children, in the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER on many occasions intervened and interceded in behalf of the veteran, his widow, and his children, before many Federal agencies; and

Whereas not only because of GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER'S great and unselfish work in behalf of the veteran, but also because of his personal splendid character, his great integrity, and his intense loyalty to serve the veteran, his widow, and his children: Wherefore be it

Resolved, That the Jackson County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by this humble gesture passed and unanimously adopted so that the records of the council, by this resolution, will reveal an outstanding, unselfish, and tireless worker in behalf of the veteran, and one who contributed much to the aims and the purposes of the Jackson County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their efforts in behalf of the veteran; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *January 26, 1959.*

To the Family of the Late Congressman, GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, *Butler, Mo.:*

Now while the heart is heavy
You may not see the way,
Or look to the far horizon
For a brighter, fairer day,
And yet in the very present
Are hearts whose love is true,
And time with mystic healing
Will bring sweet peace to you.

DEAR CHILDREN: I want to say the farmers and laboring people of the United States have lost one of their greatest friends, and the State of Missouri, one of the finest citizens, we were ever privileged to have.

Your father was honest, courageous, and never feared to do the right. Nowadays you can count them on your fingers.

Hope each and every one of you will follow in his footsteps and make outstanding men and women.

God bless you.

KITTIE WALLACE YOUNG.

THE ANACONDA CO.,
Washington, D.C., January 27, 1959.

Mr. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR RAY: It was a great shock to hear of the sudden death of Congressman CHRISTOPHER.

He was a fine and sincere man, and I know will be a great loss to the Congress of the United States.

We wish to extend to you and Mrs. Ratliff our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. WILKINSON.
MABEL L. McGRATH.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *January 24, 1959.*

Mrs. MOINA E. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MOINA: I awoke this morning to the sound of my radio announcing the passing of the Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER. As you may know I received a telegram from Mr. CHRISTOPHER yesterday, January 23, notifying me of his nomination for me to the Air Force Academy. I had planned to write a letter of thanks this morning, but his passing makes it hard to put in words just what to say. I wish to express my sympathy to you, his family, and the rest of the office staff in these trying days. This gives me even more reason to win an appointment to the Academy to show the people who were connected with him his ability to pick young men as leaders of tomorrow. Again I wish to express my deepest sympathy.

I am,

Very sincerely,

THOMAS G. ASHBY.

WARRENSBURG PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION,
Warrensburg, Mo., January 28, 1959.

The GEORGE CHRISTOPHER Family,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR FRIEND: It is with deep regret that we have learned of the passing of our friend, production credit member, and Congressman. We know of the tireless efforts put forth by Mr. CHRISTOPHER, not only for the continued growth of production credit, but for agriculture in general. He was a man who would not let opposition deter him in his endeavors for the things he believed in.

The loss of Mr. CHRISTOPHER will be keenly felt by all who knew him, and admired him for his integrity.

On behalf of the production credit association, board, and staff, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL V. SLUSHER,
President, Board of Directors.
L. A. BOCKENSTETTE,
Director, Cass County.
GLEN CRIM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
Chicago, Ill., January 28, 1959.

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: It was my good fortune to have been counsel for the Veterans' Affairs Committee for the past 11 years and during this time, of course, I became acquainted with your father, the late Congressman CHRISTOPHER.

I was saddened to read in the paper Saturday morning of his passing and feel that I have lost a real friend. I got acquainted with him in the work of the committee but more particularly when I was along at a hearing in which he was interested in Kansas City a few years ago. I shall always remember his keen sense of humor and how reasonable he was to work with.

My sympathy goes out to you and other members of your family in your loss.

Sincerely,

EDWIN B. PATTERSON,
Manager.

MISSOURI STATE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION,
Jefferson City, Mo., February 3, 1959.

MRS. RAY J. RATLIFF,
Butler, Mo.

DEAR MRS. RATLIFF: In the belief you would rather have not been bothered with letters of condolences during the period of great sorrow and shock that was suddenly thrust upon you and your family, I have purposely withheld writing you.

As I'm sure you are fully aware, I considered Mr. CHRISTOPHER one of the truly great men that it has been my pleasure to know. With-

out a doubt, the farmers and common people throughout Missouri and the Nation have lost one of their greatest leaders and friends. One of the most pleasant memories of my life will be the simple fact that I not only worked with Congressman GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, but that I knew beyond all doubt that he considered me as a trusted friend.

On behalf of every official of our association may I extend to you and the other members of your family our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS HELM,
General Manager.

BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.,
Lamar, Mo., February 16, 1959.

Mr. JULIUS HELM,
General Manager, Missouri State Rural Electrification Association, Jefferson City, Mo.

DEAR JULIUS: As per your request, I have attempted to rewrite the eulogy delivered at the congressional breakfast on February 10. The wording is probably not exactly the same; however, it is substantially correct. Please use your own judgment in editing and rewording as might be desirable.

"Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, there is nothing I can say here this morning that would pay proper tribute to the memory of one of the greatest champions of the causes of our rural people.

"I am speaking, of course, about the Honorable GEORGE CHRISTOPHER who was Congressman from my district.

"I think we should observe a moment of silence as a token of our esteem; will you please stand.

"Thank you, ladies and gentlemen."

I hope this will answer the request,

Sincerely yours,

CHAS. W. HOLCOMB, *Manager.*

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CLERKS,
GATEWAY LODGE NO. 2024,
Kansas City, Mo., March 9, 1959.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER

Scripture: John 1: 4–7. *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Remarks:

The Honorable GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER was my friend and as friends we had things in common. Among the things we held in common were our God and the "human family" to which he consecrated so much of his interest and influence. I would say of Mr. CHRISTOPHER that "he went about doing good and the common people heard him gladly."

When God saw fit to take his devoted wife from this world, Mr. CHRISTOPHER remarked that if God needed her worse than he did, that God was certainly short of help. This remark was not made with any bitterness but in an attitude of appreciation for the years his wife had so tirelessly stood by him as companion—a helpmate ordained of God for GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER—the mother of his children. At a time when the world is in dire need of the counsel of men such as GEORGE H. CHRISTOPHER, we say in this same attitude—"If God needed him worse than we do, He is certainly short of help."

Prayer:

Omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God, in this time of sorrow we would thank you for your love, for your mercy, for your presence. We thank you for the life of this one to whom we pay tribute today. We thank you for the footprints he has made on the threshold of this generation. We pray that we might follow these footprints, for we believe them to be just, unselfish, dedicated, consecrated, directing us toward peace in a world where hunger shall be obliterated and where the "human family" he loved will be recognized as "created in the image of God." Raise up another like unto this one whose passing we mourn, that we might have new hope for tomorrow.

Bless these children and their children in this hour of sorrow and loneliness. As you have stilled the stormy tempest, still the tempest within their hearts; be their guiding light.

Finally, God, bless the good earth which he loved as she receives him back into her strong bosom to give him rest from his labors. Hallow this grave till Jesus come, we pray.

J. A. SANDERS.

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